

8th December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

As the end of term approaches I would like to thank you for all your support throughout the term; as always, it is greatly appreciated. In January the academy will have a new Senior Leadership Team. I am delighted with the new appointments and I am confident that the staff concerned will help to make the academy an even better place where our students will be able to both thrive and achieve.

Senior Leadership Team:

Phill Dalowsky	- Assistant Principal for Learning and Progress
Helen West	- Assistant Principal for Inclusion and Achievement
Dan Ellerby	- Senior Leader for Learning and Progress
Adam Gayfer	- Senior Leader for Learning and Progress
Nancy Newlands-Melvin	- Senior Leader for Employability and Leadership
Tony Wood	- Director of Finances and Resources

Our events this term have been outstandingly successful in relation to attendance – your feedback has been overwhelmingly positive with some constructive suggestions as to how we can make events even better. Thank you. Please remember that we are here to work in partnership with you to ensure your child achieves their potential. We have an ‘open door’ policy and are keen to be available should you need a conversation about any matter concerning your child, so please keep in touch. This year we have again scheduled in consultation evenings for all year groups so that you can speak to all the specialist staff if you so wish about your child’s progress.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the following:

- Holidays should not be taken during term time and permission will not be given unless there are exceptional circumstances, regardless of levels of attendance
- Students are not permitted mobile phones in the academy. Students who do bring phones into the academy risk having their phone taken away until their parents can come into the academy and collect the phone. Inappropriate use of mobile phones – especially for taking images, media footage or for social media will have serious consequences for students involved.

Also, from the start of next term on January 8<sup>th</sup> there will be no access for vehicles to the academy site between 8.20 and 8.30am. This is for the protection of our students who are being put at risk by the large number of vehicle entering through the gates at this time.

As Christmas approaches, there are a few events being organised which some of you may know about already, however, some of you may not, so below is a summary:

<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	- <b>Year 10 &amp; 11 Trip to Cosmos, Doncaster 4.00 – 7.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch for all students</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	- <b>Year 7 – 9 Trip to Ice Skating Disco, Doncaster Dome 3.45 – 7.30pm</b> - <b>Year 7 Carol Service 2.00 – 2.40pm at St Lawrence’s Church</b> Students will be dismissed from the church at 2.40pm to return home
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	- <b>Year 8 Carol Service 12.20 – 1.00pm at St Lawrence’s Church</b> Students will be dismissed from the church at 1.00pm to return home
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	- <b>Year 9 Carol Service 3.00 – 3.40pm at St Lawrence’s Church</b> Students will be dismissed from the church at 3.40pm to return home
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	- <b>Year 10 Carol Service 3.00 – 3.40pm at St Lawrence’s Church</b> Students will be dismissed from the church at 3.40pm to return home
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	- <b>Year 11 Carol Service 11.20 – 12.00pm at St Lawrence’s Church</b> Students will be dismissed from the church at 12.00pm to return home for the holiday <b>Academy closes for the Christmas Holidays at 12.05pm and students will be dismissed at the end of lesson 3</b>

If you would like to attend any of the Carol Services at St Lawrence's Church with your child's year group, you would be very welcome.

I would like to wish you all a very happy family time at Christmas and look forward to the students returning on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 8.20am, ready to begin their first lesson at 8.30am. Another new start for us all.

Yours sincerely

Mike Adnitt  
Principal