



Joseph Swan Academy

18th December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Can I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a very healthy and Happy 2018.

Just a reminder that on Friday 21st December we hope the entire Academy will join us in our now traditional 'Christmas Top (Jumper or T shirt) Day'. Students and staff are all encouraged to join in with this event. Students and staff will be able to wear 'normal clothes' for this day. A donation (suggested 50p) will be made for our charitable collection for Save the Children and Joseph Swan Academy charities.

As you will know we end our term this year on Friday 21st December at 12 noon. If the finishing time is a concern please do contact the Academy's Administration Manager, Mrs A Atkinson via andreaatkinson@josephswan.org.uk or 0191 4422004. The scholars' buses will **not** be running in the afternoon on this day but public buses will run with a variety of opportunities for the students from 12 noon.

As we come to the end of this the term can I, as always, thank you for all your support. This term has been a very busy one and included a positive Ofsted Inspection on the 30th November, please see 'Positive news from Ofsted letter' for additional information. We also had the news regarding our potential linkage with Emmanuel Schools Foundation (ESF) which looks very exciting. More information to follow on this. We have had record breaking attendances from Parents/Carers to our Academy Progress evenings and our Remembrance Concert. We have also had great support for our charitable collections for the Royal British Legion, the Gateshead Foodbank, the Food Co-operative and 'Shelter'. During this Autumn Term we have also continued to focus on improving attainment and achievement for all our students.

As you can see from the following table next half term will be a busy time for all of us.

Spring Term Key Dates:

Monday 7 th January 2019 to Friday 11 th January 2019	Year 11 Trial Examinations
Tuesday 8 th January to Thursday 10 th January 2019 and Monday 14 th January to Wednesday 16 th January 2019 (see separate timetable)	Year 12 & 13 Controlled Assessments (selected students)
Wednesday 9 th January and Friday 1 st February 2019 (see separate timetable)	Year 11 BTEC Examinations (selected students)
Friday 11 th January to Friday 25 th January 2019 (see separate timetable)	Year 12 & 13 BTEC Examinations (selected students)
Monday 14 th January to Friday 18 th January 2019	Year 12 & 13 Trial Examinations
Monday 21 st January to Friday 25 th January 2019	Year 10 Trial Examinations

Thursday 31 st January 2019 from 4pm to 7pm (separate invitation letter to follow)	Year 11 Progress Evening for Parents/Carers
Friday 25 th January 2019	Holocaust Memorial SMSC Day
Thursday 7 th February 2019 from 4pm to 7pm	Year 9 Progress Evening for Parents/Carers
Monday 11 th February 2019	Year 10 Tutor Evening
Friday 15 th February 2019	Heart to Heart SMSC Day
Monday 18 th February to Friday 22 nd February 2019	Half Term Holiday

We look forward to working closely with you in 2019. Please do have a wonderful Christmas and very best wishes for 2019.

We would like our students, your children, fully rested and ready for **'energetic'** learning when they return. The Spring Term will begin at 8.30am on Monday 7th January 2019 when we look forward to welcoming our students back.

With very festive wishes

Yours faithfully



Miss H E Scott
Head Teacher

Provisional term dates for the Academic Year 2019-2020:

Autumn Term Starts	Monday 2 nd September 2019
Autumn Half Term	Monday 21 st October 2019 – Friday 25 th October 2019
Autumn Term Finishes	Friday 20 th December 2019
Spring Term Starts	Monday 6 th January 2020
Spring Half Term	Monday 17 th February 2020 – Friday 21 st February 2020
Spring Term Finishes	Friday 3 rd April 2020
Summer Term Starts	Monday 20 th April 2020
Summer Half Term	Monday 25 th May 2020 – Friday 29 th May 2020
Summer Term Finishes	Friday 17 th July 2020
Academy Training Days	To be confirmed

As always, please do regularly check our website www.iosephswan.org.uk. This contains many important updates about our Academy.