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Dear Parents and Carers

School closes on **Thursday 22nd December** for Christmas. On that day, students will be dismissed between 1.15pm and 1.45pm, as has been our practice for many years, to help ensure a smooth end to the last day of term.

As usual, the students have worked really hard over the last term and have made great progress. Next week, you will receive a summary about your child's academic progress over the last term.

Next term begins on **Monday 9th January, 2017**. All students should return on that day in good time for an 8.40am start. We look forward to welcoming them back into our care. I would be grateful if you could ensure your child is on site by this time. Over the course of the term, we have noticed a few students walking in late for school or being dropped off after 8.40am so I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify that they are expected here by 8.40am at the very latest.

Many visitors comment on how well turned out the students are and I am very grateful to all parents for your support with this. Unfortunately, in the past, we have had the odd student returning after a holiday without full uniform, or with inappropriate shoes or an extreme hairstyle. I would be grateful if everyone can ensure that all students, without exception, adhere to the school's expectations in this area, as detailed in the students' planners. The students will be reminded about this too. It would be a shame if any student made a poor start to the new term and had to face sanctions for this kind of thing. Please contact your child's Head of Year for any clarification of uniform and appearance expectations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your continued support for the school and I wish you a holy and peaceful Christmas with your families.

Yours faithfully

J Foster
Headteacher