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Dear

At the end of a busy term and year I am writing to update you on events in our Academy.

Christmas Holidays

Our Academy will close for Christmas on Thursday 15 December 2011 at 1.30pm and will reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2012 at 8.30am.

Student Attendance

Attendance at our Academy has improved and is now 90.1%. This is up from 88.9% in the previous academic year.

New Building Information Evening

Can I thank those parents who attended the evening, it was very productive and your comments were welcome. The contractor, Carillion expect to start on site on 11 February 2012 with completion in March 2013. You will be kept informed through our website of progress on this exciting development.

OFSTED Monitoring Visit

On Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 November 2011 we received our first "open academy" monitoring visit. The report on the visit will be published early in the New Year with a parents' discussion to follow.

End of Term Staff Leavers

Can I thank Miss Cesarano, Miss Helyer, Mrs Whittingham and Mr Johnson for their service to our Academy and their predecessor schools. We wish them every success in their new roles. Our best wishes also to Miss Young in her new role.

New Staff for January

We are delighted to welcome Ms Cooke and Mrs Ward who will join our Science team, Miss Smith who joins us to teach Humanities and Mrs Luck and Ms McGurrin, Advanced Skills Teachers, who join our English team. We hope these new appointments will reduce the amount of supply teachers which has been a challenge for us in the last year.

May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Chris Coady
Principal

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