

21st December 2018

Dear Parent/carer,

This week we celebrated the festive season with our Christmas Fayre and Performing Arts show. It was a joy to hear such a mix of music and songs with our wonderful choirs performing in front of their first big audience. Our dancers also put on their usual top quality performance. Heads of Year and form tutors worked hard with students to put on a range of stalls and competitions and the whole evening was a huge success. On Wednesday we had our annual Christmas dinner day when it is such a pleasure for staff to serve the children and for the whole school to sit down enjoy a meal together.

These are just two of the lovely events we've enjoyed this week and as the autumn term draws to a close, it is an opportunity to reflect on the variety of events that have taken place and to celebrate the successes of our wonderful students in our final reward assemblies, most of whom have been working very hard all term.

As the year draws to a close we are saying goodbye to staff who are leaving. Mrs Eaton, Mrs Moir, Mr Kavanagh and Mrs Bedford will be leaving the academy. They have worked hard to support students in and out of the classroom and I would like to thank them for all that they have done to ensure the success of our students.

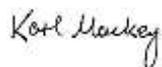
You should also be aware that, due to the legal complexities of moving schools to a different trust, our move to United Learning has been postponed and we are now expected to transfer on 1st February 2019. This won't have any impact on the running of the school or the quality of education provided.

Standards have remained high this term and students have met our expectations. However, in this last week we have allowed a number of girls to wear gel or acrylic nails as they prepare for the Christmas holidays. Please note that in January, students who are unable to meet our uniform and presentation standards will not be admitted to the academy until our expectations are met. This means that students with false nails or eyelashes, jewellery or heavy make-up, or inappropriate uniform, will be sent home to change or amend their appearance.

Finally, a reminder that school will re-open at 8.00am on Monday 7th January 2019. Lessons start as normal at 8.40am.

On behalf of the staff and governors, thank you for your continued support and I wish you and your families the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours faithfully



Karl Mackey
Principal