

Dear Parents and carers

December 16, 2016

End of Term Letter

As we reach the end of 2016, I sincerely hope that all students, parents and carers have enjoyed a successful start to the school year. I wanted to write to everyone in our wider community to thank you for your support, which has allowed us to make such a positive start to the new school year. Writing this letter does remind me how quickly time goes by however. At this point, Year 11 and 13 students have completed approximately 50% of their school year. At the same time, students in all other year groups will have completed nearly 40% of their school year. In order to ensure that we make full use of this time, can I ask parents and carers to encourage students to take full advantage of what is available to them in the new year and to continue to embed the good habits in lessons and with home study that we have seen from so many in Terms 1 and 2?

As well as working hard in lessons in Term 2, we joined the rest of the country in remembering those who have lost their lives through war and conflict. As a whole school we have also focused on building good relations and the implementation of our anti-bullying policy. Year 9 students have begun the process of thinking about subject choices this week and, as I write, we have just finished three splendid winter reflection assemblies that have given students the opportunity to consider how they have grown and developed in Terms 1 and 2 and how they can continue to develop in the terms ahead. Following this assembly, I now also know that Year 9 are the most enthusiastic singers and that Year 7 are possibly the most tuneful.

In Term 3, our internal focus will be very much on continuing to improve standards of teaching and learning to allow all children to achieve and a continued focus on student behaviour and attendance which similarly, allows everyone to achieve.

Hopefully, through reading our newsletter, you would have been made aware of the range of study visits and extra curricular enrichment activities in sport, drama and the arts in particular.

Thank you for your continued support with uniform, equipment, attendance and punctuality. It is great to be able to count on your help with this and it makes such a difference to students' overall enjoyment and success at school. From Term 3 onwards, we would want to encourage all of our students to consider taking advantage of this wide ranging, positive offer that helps to build character and resilience.

If there are any issues with how your child has started the school year, or anything else you would like us to know, please get in touch with your daughter/son's tutor or Head of Community. Details about how to contact our staff are available on our website.

We look forward to seeing students return for the start of Term 3 on Tuesday 3 January 2017, at 8.40am.

With every best wish for Term 3 and beyond.

Yours sincerely



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