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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our students have consistently surpassed expectations, excelling both in the classroom and through their enrichment activities this term. Selected achievements will be showcased in our upcoming Magna newsletter, distributed to parents and carers later this term. As we approach the final weeks of this year, I wish to take this opportunity to share key information with you, including details about our end-of-term arrangements:

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will be served in the canteen on Wednesday 13th December and is a festive roast turkey dinner (a vegetarian option is available) with a choice of dessert. The cost is £2.30, the usual price of the meal deal. Other options such as baguettes or pasta will also be available on the day.

To help the Christmas Dinner run smoothly, service will be split with KS3 dinner being served from 12:50pm and KS4 from 1:30pm. More information for students will follow in tutor time.

Christmas Caboodle

Magna's alternative to Christmas Jumper Day will take place on the final day of the term, Friday 15th December. While continuing to raise funds for Save the Children, our students have the opportunity to accessorise their uniforms with one festive item, such as a Christmas jumper, tie, Christmassy earrings (not hoops), or stripey elf tights. If students are able to support our charity by donating any small change, we would be very grateful to receive it. It is essential for students to remain in full academy uniform, with the addition or exchange of only one item. Blazers must still be worn and should not be the item that is exchanged. Once again, we anticipate a very successful and enjoyable last day of term.

On this final day, students will follow their regular academy timetable, starting at 8:27 am and attending lessons 1-3 as usual. Following this, they will gather in their tutor groups for Period 4, participating in a festive quiz before being dismissed. Students will be dismissed by year group:

12:45pm - Sixth Form & Year 11 will be dismissed

12:50pm Year 10 will be dismissed

12:55 pm - Year 9 will be dismissed

1:00pm Year 7 and Year 8 will be dismissed.



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Staffing update

We are delighted to share that, over the past few years, we have successfully maintained a healthy and low staff turnover. Nevertheless, we acknowledge that career progression or personal reasons may prompt some staff to consider new opportunities.

It is with mixed emotions that we announce Philippa Stanard's departure at the end of this year. Philippa has been an invaluable member of our team, serving as Head of History for the last four years. We extend our sincere gratitude for her unwavering commitment and hard work, and we wish her the very best of luck with her new Head of Humanities promotion. We are excited to welcome Jess Oliver back from maternity leave in March, who will take on the role of Head of History.

Additionally, we are pleased to announce new additions to our team in January. Kirsty Stevens will be joining us as a Trainee SENDCo and Teacher of Maths. Sara Herrera will become a part-time Teacher in the Modern Foreign Language Team, and Max Hammett will be returning to join us as a Teacher of PE. We look forward to the fresh perspectives and contributions they will bring to our community.

Equipment and uniform expectations

All students will return after the Christmas break on Wednesday 3rd January 2024. The academy day starts at 8.27am promptly. Please help us to maintain the highest standards and expectations by checking that all students are fully equipped and have the correct uniform prior to their return.

Everyday, tutors check that students are wearing the correct uniform and have the right equipment with them. We believe it is essential that students are fully prepared and equipped to learn. Therefore, we ask parents/carers to support their child in ensuring they are organised and bring the correct equipment each morning. Equipment can either be purchased from the academy at our student reception before school or from an outlet of your choice.

The following items are on our list of essential equipment:

30cm long clear pencil case, 30cm ruler, protractor, safe compass, Casio FX 85GTX Calculator, 3 x black or blue pens, 3 x HB pencils, highlighters, 1 x whiteboard pen and 1 x green pen.

Please be reminded that, upon returning to the academy in January, facial piercings, false eyelashes, false nails and nail varnish, trainers and hoodies are not permitted as usual. If a student requires a temporary loan of a uniform item for a day, we do have available options. In exchange, we ask for their mobile phone, house keys, or earphones as collateral until the item is returned to us. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to upholding our standards.

Thank you once again for all your support this term. We wish all families a restful break and eagerly anticipate seeing our students in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Mitchell
Associate Principal



Ms Ullah
Executive Principal