



15 December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

This has been a very successful term and pupils have been focused and very hard working. Year 11 and sixth form in particular have been working very hard with their mock exams.

We have again organised a number of events, trips and visits this term and next week the Performing Arts department are putting on a winter showcase called 'Curtain Raisers' to finish off the term. The show will include dance soloists, duets and ensembles, bands, solo singers, a vocal group and a drama group. The performances are on Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 December, commencing at 7pm in the school theatre. The show is free to attend and parents are welcome whether you have children in the show or not.

You may already have read about these events in more detail as we try to keep parents up to date by sending out our newsletter each week. Pupils who are members of the Student College, report on, produce and edit the newsletter which is sent out by email. I hope you have been finding the newsletter informative and helpful.

Like the newsletter, most of our correspondence is now done electronically; please therefore ensure we have your most up to date email address and contact details on our records. You can either log-in to the school's [Talaxy](#) platform and (using the email address you registered with us), amend the information yourself or, liaise with your child's Pastoral Year Co-ordinator.

**We break up for the Christmas holiday on Friday 22 December 2023 and school will end at 12.30pm.** Meals will still be available at lunchtime as usual and kitchen staff will also make these available at break to ensure students don't miss out. Pupils entitled to a free school meal will be able to get them in the normal way. If your child is unable to go home at lunchtime, please contact reception and let us know and we will make sure that he/she is supervised in school until 3:00pm.

I have decided to make the last day of term a non-uniform day and students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper, or something Christmassy, with a request for donations towards our charity work.

**Parents should be aware that there are teacher training days on Monday 08 and Tuesday 09 January 2024. Students should return to school at 8.45am on Wednesday 10 January 2024.**

I hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas break. Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

Paul Green  
Headteacher