



9th December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well as we approach the end of the Autumn Term. Having said that, we have a busy two-week period with our Christmas Carol service taking place at St Luke's Church on the 12th at 6.30pm, everyone welcome, as well as our GCSE and A Level Awards Evenings on the 16th and 17th here at school (please see my earlier letter for details). We also have our Jolly Christmas Show taking place on Wednesday, 18th at 5.30pm, tickets available from our Reception, and a host of other Christmas related activities taking place in school between now and the end of term.

School will finish early for everyone on Friday, 20th December at 12.30pm. The school bus will leave at 12.45pm. I know this is a late finish this year but leads to a slightly longer break at the start of January.

I am sure you have read and heard a lot about the importance of good attendance at school and last year, although attendance here at school is improved on last year, there are still too many students missing school. This has a really detrimental impact on our school figures as well as individual attendance rates which are reported on a weekly basis to the DfE. I know I can count on your support in ensuring your child's very best attendance rate at all times of the year as well as at the end of term. Good attendance is directly linked to student outcomes and we see the evidence of that every year on GCSE and A-Level results days.

School will restart for everyone as normal on Monday, 6th January 2025. If you have any questions relating to any of this, please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

Our Newsletter will be published in the usual way before the holiday begins.

I would like to take this early opportunity to wish all of you a very peaceful and happy Christmas as well as a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Mr McGarry
Headteacher