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Dear Parent/Carer

As the Christmas holiday approaches, I would like to share with you the following information:

Winter clothing

In line with other schools, outdoor coats are not allowed to be worn in our indoor environment. Due to fluctuating temperatures during the winter and in our school building, we do advise students to anticipate this and wear layers of clothes.

Year 11 GCSE Mock examinations

Students have already completed their mock GCSE Art exam.

Written examinations begin on **Monday 9th January**.

Students have been issued with individual examination timetables and a copy has been posted out to parents/carers.

I would like to wish our students every success for this important stage of their school life and I know you will support revision and preparation for these exams, the results of which will contribute to final GCSE predicted grades.

Careers education

This term, Year 10 students have studied the '*Preparation for Work*' unit of learning during ASDAN lessons and careers/employability skills have continued to be promoted across the whole school curriculum.

Our external Career Adviser has met with Year 11 students to provide impartial careers advice/guidance and to support their formulation of a personal Career Development Plan.

Co-curriculum experiences have supplemented and enhanced students' knowledge, understanding and skill development and I would like to congratulate students for their positive contribution to the:

- IGD Employability Skills Webinar
- Live on-line webinar, delivered by a car crash detective representing '*If you were an engineer*'
- Whole school assembly providing students with information about T-Levels
- National Apprenticeship and Education Event at Millennium Point
- Skills for Success programme's initial interviews (Year 11)
- Information session delivered by a representative from Solihull Sixth Form College, outlining post-16 opportunities
- Presentation by an interior designer, sharing information about her career

Theatre visit

Key Stage 4 students' recent visit to The Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham was a fabulous opportunity for everyone to experience a live performance of '*An Inspector Calls*', a GCSE English Literature set text.

Charity events

A huge 'thank you' to staff, students and you as parents/carers for supporting our Macmillan coffee morning, Hen's Welfare Trust and Children in Need charity events. All money raised will help make a difference.

Lateness to school

Being on time to school is a legal requirement for all children and young people. Please see below re the impact of persistent lateness.

Getting your child to school on time really matters.		
If in a school year your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	Or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons
10 minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons
15 minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons
20 minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons
30 minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons

Start of the school day

Students are expected to be in school by 8.50am.

Please see Appendix 5 of our Attendance Policy for the DfE 'attendance codes, descriptions and meanings'. Students arriving after 9.00am, but before 9.30am are 'late before registers closed' (code 'L', representing 'present, but late').

Students arriving after 9.30am are 'late after registers closed' (code 'U', representing an 'unauthorised absence').

Staffing

Following previously unsuccessful recruitment process, I am delighted we have been able to appoint an experienced, substantive Site Manager. Paul O'Conner joined us in November to take on this vital role, which is integral to the safe and efficient running of the school.

We welcome back Mrs Hyland, who has now returned from maternity leave. I would like to thank Mr Harris for everything he has done to support us in delivering a Maths curriculum for all students in Mrs Hyland's absence. Mr Harris leaves us at the end of this term and we wish him every happiness and success for the future.

End and beginning of terms

As you are aware, school closes on **Friday 16th December** for the Christmas holiday.

We have planned for students to leave at **1.15pm** and transport has been informed of this early departure time. If this is difficult for individual parents/carers, please let us know and alternative arrangements can be made for your child.

Spring term starts for students on **Wednesday 4th January** (normal time).

Tuesday 3rd January is a Training Day for staff.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'well done' to students for all their achievements this term, as well as a 'thank you' to you as parents/carers for your support.

Best wishes for a lovely Christmas with your families and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

Miss E Clarke
Headteacher