

December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

As we rapidly approach the end of 2017, on reflection, it has been a year of good progress at the Academy. Our focus remains on ensuring all of our students continue to develop into good citizens and make the most of the opportunities afforded them. Pride and respect remain our core values and developing student resilience is a constant theme for us. We want everybody to strive for and 'expect excellence'.

We have welcomed our new students into Year 7 and they have made a very settled and mature start to the year. They have quickly risen to our high expectations, under the guidance of Mr Pickup and his team of excellent form tutors and have made a very positive impression with staff.

Our current Year 11 have recently completed their mock examinations and now have clear targets for improvement in preparation for their final examinations in the summer. Year 9 and 10 have also been completing their first 'spiral assessments', which are effectively end of term tests but include topics taught in previous years, to develop the depth of knowledge and skills required for the new challenging GCSE examinations.

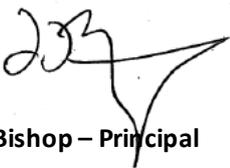
It was great to see so many of you at our Parent Forum event in November and at the 'Sneyd Green Christmas Lights Switch On' in December. Those opportunities for us to come together as a community add to the 'team spirit' which I feel we need to ensure we maximise the opportunities for success for our young people.

Some dates for your diary:

- End of term - Tuesday 19th December 2017. It is also Christmas Jumper day when students can replace their school jumper with a festive jumper, if they are willing to pay a £1 donation to charity. Lessons will finish at 1.45pm but should you wish your child to remain in the Academy our Learning Resource Centre will remain open until 3pm.
- Thursday 4th January 2017 – Students return to the Academy at 8.40am.
- Thursday 11th January – Year 9 Parents Evening.

Please take a look at our Christmas newsletter available on our website from Monday 17th December for other highlights of the term.

I would like to wish everyone, on behalf of all the staff, a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and look forward to working with you in 2018.

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