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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of another busy term, I am sure you would like to join me in thanking the whole staff and community for their continued determination and focus to support your children. This term ends on Wednesday, 19 December, and students are ready to relax and spend some quality time with their family and friends.

The first day back for all students will be Thursday, 3 January 2019, and they should be on site by 8.25am ready for registration at 8.30am. Breakfast Club will resume on the same day. Looking ahead, half term is from 18-22 February inclusive and the Spring term ends on Friday, 5 April.

This term has seen some significant successes that are worthy of mention. Firstly, we congratulate all staff and students following our grading as a 'Good' school after our Ofsted inspection on 6/7 November. We will continue to strive towards receiving an 'outstanding' judgement when Ofsted visit us again in a few years' time. Our U13 girls' football team have reached the last 32 teams of the English Schools Football Association National Cup, which is an amazing achievement. Our catering students have had a busy few weeks preparing a Community Christmas meal at the local library, supporting the local allotments and supplying refreshments for the Carol Service. We have launched our Chantry Community Champions who spend their own time making positive contributions to the community. All of these activities from dedicated staff and students really enhance the feeling of belonging to our valuable community. We thank everyone who makes a difference to the students.

Next term looks to be just as busy with productions, fixtures and trips; and I eagerly await these chances for students to gain experiences that will help them grow.

As we approach the New Year, it is always beneficial to have some ideas ready for New Year resolutions. What will we want to improve next year? What will we want to change? New Year always brings fresh starts and new challenges. In January let us build on the successes of 2018, and launch 2019 with renewed vigour and determination to be the very best community we can be.

In the unlikely event that weather becomes more challenging and we have to take the decision to close the school, I thought it would be good to remind you of our closure procedures. We will post information on our school website and social media sites, message via ParentMail and communicate via the local radio stations. If you do not have ParentMail, please contact the Academy to update your account. As a side note, it is essential that all students have warm clothing so they arrive at school comfortable to work and focus on the core purpose of learning. I thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Finally, I wish you well for the holiday period and look forward to a new year with ever increasing enthusiasm and determination to make this an outstanding learning environment for your children and the wider community.

Yours faithfully

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