



18 December 2024

End of term letter December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for continuing to work with school in a positive and supportive manner. Our students are flourishing, and have settled well in meeting the high expectations set for them. They are thriving in lessons and engaging well in broader activities. It has been a privilege to see them achieving each day in the classroom but also through the wide range of co-curricular activities on offer for them.

Congratulations to all students that have represented the school so well during the last term. Many have been involved in sports, music, drama, poetry live, technology and wider curriculum events and activities. We appreciate that our students' talents extend beyond the school day, therefore we have been very pleased to celebrate all of our students' wider commitments and successes.

At this time of year our students' kindness and compassion comes to the fore, as they have sung for residential care homes, baked and sold cakes for local charities, made Christmas tree decorations for local churches and donated generously to our local food banks. To read more about our fantastic students' achievements please see our recently published newsletter via social media, website and Class Charts.

As noted in previous letters, securing excellent attendance at school is a key priority for the school. We know that children that are rarely absent from school achieve far more than those that do not attend regularly. We also understand that medical conditions and appointments will affect your child's attendance. Please check your child's attendance % this term on Class Charts, and continue to work with school to ensure that your child is rarely absent from school through to the end of academic year.

Attendance rating	School days in term 1 &2	Absent days from school	Attendance %
Rarely absent	70 days	3 days	96%
Persistently absent	70	10 days (2 school weeks)	86%
Persistently absent	70	14 days (1 day absent each week)	80%
Severe absence	70	35 days (miss 2 days per week)	49%

It has been a very good term, and we expect everyone to maintain the positive climate for learning with good behaviour on return from the holiday. The significant improvements in behaviour have enabled lessons to be focused and take place without disruption, and therefore students are learning and remembering more. Please support school by ensuring your child continues to meet our basic expectations on their return. These expectations include wearing our agreed school uniform, bringing a bag and equipment, and arriving on time each day. After the festive period, please ensure that jewellery is removed, nails are a natural colour and short, and any makeup is discrete (not obviously visible). Students will not be permitted to attend lessons if these basic expectations are not met and your support is very much appreciated. All students return to school on **Monday 6 January 2025 for an 8.30 am start.**

Wishing you and your family a new year filled with joy, growth, and cherished moments as we continue supporting your child's journey together.

Mr Andrew J Knowles
Headteacher