



Term 1 Newsletter 2019/20 – End of term

Dear Parent / Carer

As we approach the end of another successful term, I wanted to write to thank you for your continued support of our work in school.

We have enjoyed some fantastic events recently including the Year 7 Concerts and Celebration of Achievement Events for the 2019 Year 11 and Year 13. A number of our Year 9 students have risen to the challenge of working on their team building skills with an outside organisation, 'Commando Joes' and we have run a number of reward events for students with the highest Attitude To Learning scores and 100% attendance.

We are continuing to look at ways to reduce traffic problems in our drop off area at the end of the day. We are really grateful to those parents / carers who are picking up after 3.30pm or outside of the school grounds which has helped improve the safety of this area. Unfortunately a number of parents / carers continue to come into the school grounds before 3.30pm to pick their children up in their cars making it very difficult for buses to come in and out of this area. We will be increasing our signage outside of school and ask that parents / carers do not come into the school grounds in their cars until after 3.30pm. I do hope that Parents and Carers can work with us so that we don't have to shut the school gates at this time. Unless things improve we will be implementing a similar strategy to other local schools where the gates are shut at the end of the school day and only buses, taxis and cars picking up students with mobility issues are allowed in. If any parents / carers have an alternative suggestion as to how we can resolve this issue, and keep our students safe at the end of the day, please be in touch.

I know that some Parents and Carers will be buying new uniform at this time. Please ensure that any uniform that is bought meets our expectations. If you are unsure about a particular item please contact House teams for clarification before buying items.

We will be finishing for the Christmas holidays on Friday 20th December at 12.15pm. Students are invited to wear non-uniform on this day with a £1 contribution. Prizes will be given for the best Christmas outfits on the day. The money we raise from contributions will go to Arc Light. Arc Light is part of Changing Lives in York and provides accommodation and support to homeless men and women in York. We are also collecting tinned food and toiletries if you wish to donate something extra to this charity.

We are starting the new term with a Training Day on Monday 6th January so all students will return to school on Tuesday 7th January at the normal time.

Best wishes for a peaceful and restful Christmas break.

Yours sincerely

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