

13th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a challenging end to the term due to COVID cases. I'd like to thank the staff team who have been so supportive of the school and of each other over the past few days in difficult circumstances. We hope you were able to watch one of our Christmas shows on Zoom, thank you to all of you who joined us. Pupils enjoyed our disco and Christmas Jumper day. Our festive lunch takes place on Wednesday and every class will see a pantomime onsite before the end of term. Thanks go to colleagues for their hard work in making this such a special time for our young people.

We are saying goodbye on Friday to Simon Aston our Year 9 form teacher and pupil progress lead who is retiring at the end of term. Simon has worked here for 26 years. During this time, he was for many years our Staff Governor in addition to his teaching commitments. We thank Simon for everything he's done here and wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement.

School closes to pupils on Friday 17th December at 1.30pm. Pupils return on Wednesday 5th January at the normal start time. We will be lateral flow testing on the first day back in school.

Clubs will resume in the week commencing 10th January. Please contact Sarah Di Campo if you have any questions.

May we remind you to return your Parent Governor ballot slip by Friday morning if you haven't already done so.

Parents of pupils eligible for free school meals should have received your vouchers. Please contact Nick Clark if you haven't or if you have any questions.

Thanks go to you all for your support this term. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Yours sincerely.

Eileen Ollieuz

Headteacher