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Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of a very successful term, I am writing to explain the arrangements for the end of term. Please note that lessons will continue in this final week and important learning opportunities are taking place.

Term will end on **Friday 21st December**. Students will leave school between 12.10pm and 12.30pm.

The spring term begins at the normal time on **Monday 7th January**.

Year 11 students need to ensure that they follow a plan for their revision over the Christmas period. This will of course include time to rest. Knowing what they will revise each day will help them to feel in control of the situation. If students require help with creating a revision plan, they should ask staff at school. **Year 11 mock exams in most subjects take place in the first week of the new term.** It is essential that students look to perform well to ensure that the work between now and the summer is used to help them achieve their very best. **Following a revision plan for their own time is essential to this.** Pupils have been given resources to support them with this. The results will form an important part of the discussions at the next Year 11 Parents' Evening, which is from **4pm-6pm on Tuesday 5th February**. I would also draw your attention to revision guides which are available at reduced rates via ParentPay.

Year 10 will take their **English Literature GCSE examination** this summer. **They will take a mock exam on Friday 11th January. Due to the length of this exam, they will finish and be dismissed at approximately 3.30pm on this day.** Siblings who go home with Year 10 students may wait in the school library if required. **Please contact the Academy as soon as possible if there are any issues with this.** Thank you in advance for your support.

On **Tuesday 15th January**, between 4pm and 6pm, there will be **our Year 8 Parents' Evening**. This will also include a very important but relatively short presentation in the library with information **on the process for students to opt for their GCSEs**. This will run throughout the event on a rolling programme. **There will also be information for all parents on the plans to expand the Academy, including exciting plans for a new additional building.** This will run at the same time.

I would like to thank nearly all of our families for their support in maintaining the Academy's rate of attendance, which is so important for the young people's progress. Unfortunately this year the Local Authority have issued penalty notices for the parents of 62 children who took leave in term time and/or whose children's attendance was below our high expectations of attendance.

On behalf of all at the Academy and the Multi Academy Trust, I wish you a peaceful holiday, to those celebrating, a 'Merry Christmas' and best wishes to all for a very successful and happy 2019.

Best wishes.

Mr P Weir  
Head of Academy