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Dear Year 9 Parent/Carer

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support and commitment. We continue to go from strength to strength as a school and we are very proud of our students who continue to push themselves to excel.

Christmas Jumper day Wednesday 18th December 2019

As part of our charity fundraising, we will be taking part in our annual Christmas jumper day. Our donations this year will be split between The Clatterbridge Cancer Charity to raise money for a new specialist centre and also The Padgate Academy 2020 Paris Maths Live trip.

We would like to invite all students to contribute to these causes by wearing a Christmas jumper, in return for a £1.00 donation. We will collect this on the gate as students enter school. Please note that the Christmas jumper is in addition to student's full uniform. Any student wishing not to take part will come as normal in their uniform

End of Term Arrangements

The school will close at 12.30pm on **Friday 20th December** and will reopen on **Monday 6th January 2020** at the usual time of 8.40am.

Normal lessons, delivering the planned curriculum, will continue during the final week. As such attendance is vital; students are expected to wear full uniform and arrive equipped and ready to learn.

Year 9 January Examinations

We are determined that our students will achieve the highest academic standards. Upon return after the Christmas break, students will be sitting formal examinations across their subjects. The English, Mathematics and Science examinations are standardised and will be sat by all students at our partner schools within TCAT. They will take place in the sports hall providing a formal public examination experience. Examinations for other subjects will take place in classrooms during lesson time.

Examination Timetable

| Date | Examination | Duration | When |
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| Thursday 9 th January | Maths | 1 hour 30 mins | Periods 3/4 |
| Friday 10 th January | Science | 1 hour | Period 5 |
| Monday 13th January | English (Writing) | 1 hour | Periods 1/2 |

Over the holiday, students will be provided with revision material for each subject. We ask that you encourage your child to revise and improve their understanding of each subject and to ensure that they are fully prepared for their examinations.

Please contact us if you need any further information or support.

Yours sincerely

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