



14th December 2018

Dear Parent or Carer

It is fair to say that this has been a very busy half term for all at the academy. I am pleased to report that the re-brokering took place as scheduled on December 1st with minimal disruption. We recently gave staff and students the opportunity to create the new academy badge and I am delighted to display this proudly on the letterhead.

We are already reaping the benefits of being part of TCAT and look forward to further opportunities for both staff and students.

We are in the process of setting up a new Governing body which will be a vital role in shaping the future of the academy and I will be contacting you in the new term with news of the process for election of parent or carer representatives.

Academy Successes

Students and staff have been actively involved in charity events this term and have raised money for, 'Save the Children', 'Children in Need', 'Save the Family' and the 'Alzheimer's Society'. For the second year running we have supported Warrington Foodbank as our Christmas charity and I am overwhelmed at the number of items we were able to collect. We are also holding our annual Christmas party for the elderly in our community, in the final few days of term. We are extremely proud of all of the contributions made to these worthy causes.

A group of students have successfully completed some anti-bullying training and are now our academy ambassadors for the 'Princess Diana Anti-bullying Charity'. I am looking forward to seeing how they roll out their training across the academy.

Our rowers continue to amaze us with their talents on the water. We are now running both a year 9/10 crew and a year 8 crew (boys and girls). I expect lots of medals at the two competition events in 2019.

We are thrilled with the announcement that we have been nominated by our local Music Hub 'Accent', to become a Music Mark School Member. This is recognition of the value that we as an academy place on music and the hard work of the department, with the support of Accent Music Hub.

Music Mark lobbies for, and champions, a Government supported, high quality, music education provision for all school aged children and young people which addresses diversity, equity and inclusion at its core.

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Christmas Concert

I hope many of you were able to enjoy our recent Christmas Concert; this event was a splendid way to end the year and celebrate not only the truth of Christmas but also the talent of our young people.

Year 11 Mock Examinations

The first set of Year 11 mock examinations have taken place over the last week. Mock examinations are vital in giving students the opportunity to practise examination skills, especially time management, and in helping teachers to assess progress. It is very pleasing to note that students have behaved impeccably throughout the examinations.

Arrangements for the end of term

School closes at 12noon on Friday 21st December 2018 and opens again on Monday 7th January 2019 at 8.40am.

Finally, can I thank you again for your support this term and, on behalf of all the staff and students I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and send best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely



Mrs M Barclay
Principal

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