



December 2018

Dear Parent / Guardian

As the end of the term comes to a close, and on behalf of all our staff, I would like to send our most sincere appreciation and thanks to all our pupils and parents for your continued support of our school.

We have had a very busy Autumn Term with many trips and events taking place including:

- Starting in September several of our students sought to develop their outdoor survival skills as part of a practice expedition for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award, whilst a number of our GCSE students visited the Cambridgeshire Arts Theatre to watch 'An Inspector Calls' live.
- October saw students revising for GCSE History 'Crime and Punishment' with an historical trip to Whitechapel, visiting the Museum of London and the Old Bailey. Our geographers went on an exciting and rewarding field trip to Iceland and our GCSE PE students had an amazing time on their Brecon Beacons camping adventure, developing their indoor climbing wall skills for their controlled assessment.
- In November English and Drama students visited The National Theatre, London on their New Views Program. Last year's Year 11 students revisited school for our Prize Giving Evening to receive their GCSE certificates, achievement and progress awards and were inspired by our guest speaker, Jordan Bone. Current Year 11 students had their Pre-Public Examinations which are invaluable in helping them realise the significance and importance of their final GCSE year and the extent of the work required to be successful this coming summer.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 is our Super Learning Day which features a wide range of challenging, but enjoyable curriculum enrichment opportunities in school with Year 7 visiting Norwich Castle. This is followed on Friday evening by our annual Christmas Show featuring the Marshland Choir.

My sincere thanks to all our staff who have contributed towards the rich variety of extra-curricular activities that are available to all our students. Without their commitment and goodwill these development opportunities would simply not happen.

Moving on to end of term arrangements, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December is the last day of term. This will be a normal teaching day, but please note **school will finish early after period 4 at 1:30pm** with buses arriving shortly afterwards. Students who get Bus Number 60 can either make their own arrangements or will be allowed on Bus 46. The new term begins Thursday 3rd January 2019.

Christmas is a magical time of year, when we have good cause to be joyful and thankful for the good and beauty in our lives. I am sure you will agree it is a delight to experience the excitement and anticipation building in children as Christmas Day approaches, as well as a wonderful opportunity to spend quality time with friends and family. Whether you celebrate as a Christian, or have a secular Christmas, I hope that you, your family and friends have a joyous and peaceful time.

On behalf of our school we wish you a happy and restful Christmas and a prosperous New Year in 2019.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Jansen  
Headteacher