

7th December 2009

Dear Parents & Guardians,

It has been an exceptionally busy and successful term. I particularly enjoy this time of year as it gives me the opportunity to see our students celebrate their respective festivals.

I cannot praise our students too highly for their fantastic involvement in charitable events this term. Students collaborated in form groups to create 50 shoeboxes filled with gifts for 'Operation Christmas Child', an appeal which gives presents to disadvantaged children all around the world. Year 7 students raised money for Age Concern by serving tea and coffee at break. For the 'Children in Need' campaign, students took part in a number of excellent fundraising and enterprising activities, including playing basketball against the staff team and selling a range of creative products which had been produced and marketed during an Every Child Matters day.

Our Year 11 students are showing real commitment to their studies as attendance and demand for the Saturday morning enrichment classes continues to increase. I am also pleased with the diligence that Year 11 are showing as they currently take part in their trial examinations. This is a really important time for them as these mock examinations will help to inform their progress and highlight significant areas for further focus.

If your child is in Year 7, I would like to encourage you to attend the Integrated Curriculum celebration assemblies for family, which will be taking place on Monday 14th December; you should receive a specific letter later this week. I know that the students are working very hard for these assemblies to show what they have learned and are creating interesting performances for you.

Finally I would like to confirm that we will finish this term on Friday 18th December 2009 at the slightly earlier time of 1.20 pm. Students are expected back on Monday 4th January 2010 and this will be a normal Academy day.

As always, if there are any problems with children getting home at the earlier time or if students have younger brothers or sisters to collect, we shall be pleased to keep them until 3.15 p.m. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any difficulties.

Packed lunches can be ordered by students who are entitled to free school meals and they can be collected at 1.20 p.m.

May I thank you once again for your continued support and offer you best wishes for the holiday period.

Yours sincerely

G H Lloyd
Executive Director