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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 – End of Autumn Term Arrangements

I open this letter by firstly thanking you for your strength of spirit and on-going support. I also appreciate your understanding and acceptance of our amended routines and operating structures in the pursuit of staying open and keeping our staff and students safe.

Our students have exhibited resilience and adaptability as they have readily adjusted to our new ways of doing things. Despite the inevitable interruptions to school life, our students have engaged positively with their learning and are making progress with their acquisition of new knowledge and skills.

We can now turn our attention to the Christmas break and seasonal festivities. On Tuesday afternoon schools received strong guidance from the Government to turn Friday 18th December into a non-student day for staff training. There are two benefits of this government advice. The first is that it eliminates the risk of spreading any infection that day in school. Secondly, it reduces the risk of students having to self-isolate over the days leading up to Christmas Day.

I am therefore confirming the decision of the Trust that we will implement a staff training day on Friday 18th December. Thursday 17th December will therefore be the last school day of the Autumn Term for all our students. It is traditional to end the term with a celebration assembly and this will happen during period 3 on Thursday. Year 11 students **only** will then be allowed to leave school from approximately 12.10pm. All other year groups will leave at the normal end of day at 3.10pm. If any student cannot be collected at that time or needs to wait for the bus then they can stay on site and be supervised.

The start of the Spring Term in January 2021 is unaffected and will commence as previously published on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

I close by wishing you a safe, peaceful and happy Christmas break.

Kind regards

Mr J Eddy
Head Teacher

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