

Wednesday 12th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

As Christmas fast approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and their families a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. Students have worked incredibly hard this term and many have also taken part in a host of exciting extra-curricular activities, visits and fixtures. Students have also demonstrated their care, concern and compassion for the wider community by organising a number of fundraising activities and donating generously to charities including Children in Need, Macmillan and the B30 Foodbank.

End of Term Arrangements

Friday 21st December 2018 is the last day of term and students may come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers if they wish to do so. They will, however, be expected to wear their school trousers/skirts and shoes as normal. Students wishing to take part in the event are requested to donate £1 towards their house charity - .

The school day will end at 12.25pm and students are expected to return straight home. Lunch will be provided at break time for students entitled to a free school meal.

Uniform

Whilst we hold a small stock of school uniform items for students to borrow in an emergency, it is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that your child comes to school in full school uniform. Uniform can be purchased from Clive Mark, Kings Heath or online at www.clivemark.co.uk.

I would like to remind you of school uniform expectations in readiness for the new term:

- No hoodies to be worn in school or under blazers
- Bournville blazers to be worn at all times
- Shoes must be black – no trainers, pumps or boots
- Jewellery – the only jewellery permitted is one small stud earring in each lobe and a wrist watch.
- Makeup must be discreet. Students will be expected to remove makeup deemed to be excessive.
- Please ensure your child's uniform is labelled with your child's name.
- During the winter months we recommend your child wears a waterproof, warm coat.

Safeguarding/Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not allowed in school. Students carrying a mobile phone must keep it switched off and securely stored in their bag or inside blazer pocket. Parents wishing to contact their child during the school day should do so via the school office. If seen, mobile phones will be confiscated.

School Day

Please be aware the school gates will not be open until 8.00am in readiness for the school day to begin at 8.35am. Students arriving before 8.35am must go to the canteen or remain in the playground where they will be supervised.

New Term

Monday 7th January 2019 is a staff training day. Students are expected to return to school at 8.35am on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Could we ask that you talk to your child about being Ready, Respectful and Safe over the Christmas break, as this will be a focus for us in the New Year.

Once again, I hope you have a lovely Christmas break.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Cottle, Head of Academy

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

HAPPY CHRISTMAS – REMINDER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

With Christmas fast approaching, it is important that students are reminded what we, as a school community, expect of them in terms of behaviour during the festive break from school. Whilst we hope they will enjoy socialising with friends and family, we also want to ensure they feel confident to keep themselves safe and away from danger, crime and anti-social behaviour.

Parents/carers and students should already be aware that as part of our safeguarding arrangements, the school has a two-way information sharing agreement in place with West Midlands Police, and we are active members of the local Police & Schools Panel. This joint approach helps us to intervene early to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour involving our students; and provide support and up-to-date safety messages.

In partnership with the police, we would like to remind our students about the following:-

- **Anti-social behaviour:** Think about how your actions and behaviour affects others.
- **Remember the company you keep:** if your friend breaks the law, you may also be held responsible for that crime, even if you weren't the one directly responsible.
- **Personal Safety:**
 - Be aware of your surroundings, take care of friends and family members and keep Christmas gifts and other valuables such as smartphones out of public view whenever possible, especially during your journey to and from school, when you return in the New Year. Register your valuables at www.immobilise.com to improve the chances of getting them back if they are lost or stolen.
 - Don't drink alcohol, take illegal drugs or unknown substances; they can have a big impact on your health and safety, behaviour and your ability to do well at school and enjoy other interests and activities. They can also be addictive and have unpredictable side effects, including sudden death! Information is available at www.talktofrank.com
- **Weapons in public places:** carrying knives or other weapons will get you a criminal record which can have life-long effects on travel and job prospects. Those who carry knives are also much more likely to be injured by them.
- **Off-road bikes:** these can only be ridden on private land with the landowner's permission. Don't risk your life and future prospects by illegally riding these on the road.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Cottle

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