



16 December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy and successful Autumn term, with many enriching activities you can read about in our most recent newsletter 84, which was e-mailed to you and can also be found on the school website.

Last week we welcomed back our second group of Year 8 students following their successful retreat to St Vincent's in Whitstable. The students were fantastic ambassadors of the Academy and the last group had the pleasure of meeting the new Archbishop of Southwark, the Reverend John Wilson.

At the end of this term we bid farewell to Mr Collins and PC Verrall. I would like to thank them for all their contributions which have enriched and supported the lives of our students. We wish them well for the future as they take up their new positions.

This term the students and staff continue the honourable tradition of fundraising for local, national and international charities through various activities, including the wonderful St Paul's Academy Eco Fashion Show, where we were joined by the students from St John Fisher Primary School, the Christmas Fayre, Mufti Day, Bake Sales and Christmas Jumper Day, which have raised over £4,000 so far. Your children, through their fundraising activities, have helped transform the lives of others. You should feel very proud of them, as we do, for their efforts and generosity in helping students.

This week we will be celebrating Christmas through each year group's Carol Service. We will be joined by students and families from St Thomas A Becket at Tuesday's service at 6pm. I hope you will be able to join us at this joint Carol Service for the local community. Refreshments will be served from 5.30pm.

Our term will finish on Friday with a staggered dismissal between 11.10am and 11.50am. An In Touch message will be sent later this week with further details.

Over the Christmas break I would ask that you support your child in being fully ready for their return to school on Monday 6th January 2020. This means:

- Being smartly turned out in full school uniform with all items clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Being in possession of the School Planner, which forms part of the end of lesson procedures. If your child is no longer in possession of their School Planner a replacement will need to be purchased at a cost of £10.00 via ParentPay.

The School Planner is a very useful source of information for families, particularly:

- Page 4: Term Dates
- Page 5: Dates for your diary
- Page 6: Parents' Consultative Meeting Appointment Sheet
- Page 7: Parents' Consultative Meeting Notes Page
- Pages 8 and 9: School Uniform Policy
- Page 10: Non-Uniform Clothes Policy



- Being in possession of their Swipe Card so they are able to use the printers and purchase food from the Food Pod or Restaurant. Please refer to my letter of 2 December for the food price changes so you can ensure that your child has sufficient funds on their Swipe Card.
- Being on time for school and their learning. The school gate closes at 8.20am and students line up in their form groups ensuring they are ready for learning. If your child is late they will receive a sanction.

Please remember if you allow your child to have piercings these will need to be removed on school days, and not worn to or from school.

Thank you for the continued support you give to me and my colleagues, as well as the support you give to your child in helping them be successful.

I close with the final prayer from this year's Carol Service:

*We give you thanks God of all life, for the gift of your holy Child and for the courage of Mary and Joseph who welcomed him into the world.
May we learn what it means to be true disciples of Jesus and seek to live as he taught us.
God of all that is good, bless us and keep us, may the light of Christ shine upon us and your Spirit of wisdom guide us this day and always. Amen.*

Christmas blessings to you and your loved ones and best wishes for a joyous and peaceful New Year.

Yours faithfully



Miss S Malone
Principal