



Monday 16th December 2019

Dear parent/carer,

As the Christmas holidays approach, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect upon the successes of this term, thank you for your ongoing support of the school and to outline the arrangements for the end of term.

It has been another busy and very successful term for the school. As the school rapidly expands and our facilities continue to grow our students have made the most of the increasing opportunities which have been made available to them. The most striking aspect of this term for me has been the high number of after school clubs that have been running and the number of students, from across all year groups, who have been taking part in these clubs. New clubs this term have included the return of cooking club in our new Food Tech room; a boys' dance club; Debate Mate; Eco Club, alongside our clubs from last year. Congratulation must go to the Eco Club who recently won the innovation award for the RHS 'Green Plan It Challenge' which they have been working on this term. There have been a large number of trips that have taken place including to the London Coliseum; the outdoor centre in Trewern; the SOAS University of London; and to Trinity Laban, a world famous dance company.

We have had a busy sporting calendar with all year groups competing in the borough netball and football leagues. Most pleasing has been that we have finally been able to host netball matches here at Greatfields and we have welcomed Sydney Russell, Eastbury and Riverside so far this term. The students have been making the most of the new sporting facilities with students participating in sports clubs most nights after school.

The students have also been working closely with the community over the past few months. Year 9 have spent the term researching and raising money for local charities; this year's non-school uniform day, organised by the School Council, raised money for the Salvation Army; and the school has opened its doors to members of the community as part of our work with Every One Every Day.

I have spent much of my time this term in lessons and I have been pleased to observe the positive attitudes to learning being displayed across all year groups. Our students understand the importance of academic progress and success to their futures and that they need to work hard in lessons every day if they want to fulfil their dreams and ambitions later in life.

The term ends on **Thursday 19th December at 11.30am** and the Easter term begins on **Monday 6th January at 8.40am.**

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and enjoyable break over the festive period and to thank you for your ongoing support of the school.

Yours faithfully

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