

19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

## **Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Additional Bank Holiday arrangements**

As you will be aware, the Spring Bank Holiday in 2022 will be moved to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Most schools will already be on their half-term breaks in the week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> May and so in order for schools to take advantage of this extra bank holiday, schools are able to observe the Bank Holiday on a different day. In order to minimise disruption to the summer 2022 examination cycle, we have elected to take this day on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022, therefore lengthening the 2021 Christmas break by an additional day.

As an Academy Trust we are able to set our own holiday dates independent of the local authority. Whilst we are aware that having a different date to other schools in North Yorkshire could prove problematic for some families and staff who have children in more than one school within the authority area, we believe that taking the additional day in January will benefit our students later in the year by minimising disruption to the summer examination cycle.

This will mean that the last day of the autumn term remains Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and that our Trust schools will reopen as normal to all staff and pupils on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

We hope this makes clear our rationale for amending the Christmas holiday dates, and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,  
**Areté Learning Trust**



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for all young people"*

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