



Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Happy New Year! We are delighted to be back in school with our wonderful students ready for the spring term. Work hasn't stopped over the holidays and we have had a new fire alarm panel installed to upgrade our dated systems, and work has commenced to improve our WiFi network for the benefit of staff and students. Like everyone, our school is feeling the impact of rising energy costs and we are, therefore, also exploring the installation of solar panels with the support of our multi-academy trust. With bills averaging around £20,000 per month, it won't take long to make our money back and also is an important boost to our eco credentials. This week's letter is a short one with us only being back at school for four days, but expect updates shortly with formal assessments for Y11 and Y13 coming up as well as the launch of the Y9 options process.

Quick read

- Following our winter coat appeal, we were incredibly proud to be able to donate over 370 coats to a local appeal, meaning that 370 people will have been warmer this winter because of your generosity.
- In the last few weeks of last term, we ran an acts of kindness campaign. We had over 360 nominations and on the last day of term, our anti-bullying ambassadors met with Mrs Brosnan to hand-write these messages onto cards which were delivered to students later on in the day.
- This half term's key dates are at the bottom of this letter.

Longer read

Winter coat appeal

You may remember that we got in touch with you before Christmas to ask for your support with our winter coat appeal. This year we asked for donations of coats, fleeces and jumpers to be handed out locally to people in need. We were incredibly proud to be able to donate over 370 coats to a local appeal, meaning that 370 people will have been warmer this winter because of your generosity. Thank you so much to all of you who contributed an item of winter clothing and, in doing so, contributed to Coat Mountain in Mrs Fox's office!





Acts of Kindness

In the last few weeks of last term, we ran an acts of kindness campaign. A 'share kindness' button was added to the student and staff dashboards, and everyone was invited to nominate someone who had been kind to them. We had over 360 nominations and on the last day of term, our anti-bullying ambassadors met with Mrs Brosnan and Mrs Fox to hand-write these messages onto cards which were delivered to students later on in the day. It was a lovely way to end the term, and so lovely to see the many ways in which members of our school community are spreading kindness wherever they go.



Dates for your diary

Monday 9th January	-	Y9 parents' evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Monday 23rd January	-	Y8 parents' evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
w/c Monday 30th January	-	Y13 formal assessments begin
Wednesday 1st February	-	Y7 settling in evening 5:00pm-6:30pm
w/c Monday 6th February	-	Y11 formal assessments begin
Wednesday 8th February	-	Y9 options site goes live (provisional)
Friday 10th February	-	Last day of half term
Monday 20th February	-	Students and staff return to school

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H. L. Millett
Headteacher