

21st December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: End of term letter

As you will be aware, the autumn term finishes earlier today, and students will be dismissed at 1.30pm. Early school buses have been arranged.

Staffing

Today we say thank you and goodbye to Mr Campbell, Ms O'Malley, and Miss Mertova, and wish them all the very best for the future.

Extended Learning Task (ELT) Questionnaire

It would be most appreciated if parents/carers could complete the questionnaire below to enable the academy to receive your feedback. The questionnaire will close on Friday 11th January 2024

Link: [Questionnaire](#)

News and updates

These final two weeks have, once again, been packed with events and achievements. Students in Year 7 who completed the Santa Run raised £353 for Dove House Hospice, our attendance achievers donated to Mind, on Monday 18th December, our Year 7 Student Council held a charity bake sale for their chosen charity, Downright Special and raised £70.39 and as I write our Christmas Jumper Day raises money for Save The Children.

On Monday 11th December, a selection of our students enjoyed a live-action performance of Pinocchio at Hull Truck Theatre on the 11th. Students visited Hull College and, on the 15th our Year 9s experienced a day of workshops delivered by 'Prison Me no Way'.

Our Year 11 commenced CV writing and preparing for life after their GCSEs whilst the Year 10 students made the first steps towards their work experience this spring.

We were delighted to host our first community event as Hedon Mixed Voice Choir performed in our hall and Christmas began in earnest as we held our annual Carol Service last Thursday in St Augustine's; a lovely event for which the Mayor of Hedon passed on her personal thanks. Finally, this week has seen the awards assemblies for each year group celebrating the progress, achievements and attendance of our learners; a fantastic way to end the term!

Arbor

Please can parents check their accounts to ensure the information, such as email addresses and telephone numbers are accurate and up to date, also ensuring any medical/dietary needs are added and that there are 2 emergency contacts listed. Parents should update all this information on Arbor themselves.

Please also ensure your child's meals account is topped up ahead of their return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

If you have not already done so, please download the Arbor app – this will allow you to receive app messages and notifications from the academy.

Key dates

Date	Event
Thursday 21 st December 2023	School closes to students at 1.30pm – early buses have been arranged
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	All students return to school
Monday 15 th January 2024	SENCO surgery
Thursday 18 th January 2024	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 25 th January 2024	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 6 th February 2024	Headteacher's Surgery
Thursday 8 th February 2024	Year 9 Pathways Evening
W/C 12 th February 2024	Half term break

The new spring term begins on Tuesday 9th January 2024, and I look forward to welcoming students back to the academy on this day after a well-deserved break.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you, as parents and carers, for your support this year, and to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours faithfully,

Mr N Holder
Headteacher