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18th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you with a short update before we send you our termly newsletter which you will receive before the end of the week. The newsletter will contain information and photographs from many of the exciting things that have happened at Darton this term. I wanted to share some information with you about what is happening during the final week of term. We have a very busy week planned!

Attendance

It would be much appreciated if you could ensure your child attends all week unless of course they are ill. We have subject development days for Key Stage Four students in their option subjects on Monday and Tuesday, and a host of rewards events taking place on Thursday and Friday as well as some charity fundraising. Students receive high quality teaching right up to the end of the day on Friday, so it is important that your child attends school every day this week.

Charity events

We are excited about our upcoming "Oliver", production. The production will be taking place on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th December at 6.30pm. The cast members have been working so hard with their teachers throughout the term and are looking forward to performing in front of an audience. A donation will also be made to Sheffield Children's Hospital where one of our fabulous year 11 drama students is receiving treatment.

On Friday 22nd December we will be holding a festive non-uniform day to raise money for Barnsley Hospice. This is a charity that many students have told The Junior Leadership Team they would like to raise money for. Students are asked to make a £1 donation, and to come dressed in festive colours. Donations can be made on the blue line as students arrive at the start of the school day. Students are reminded that they must bring their usual school equipment, including PE kit if needed on Friday. Makeup and jewellery should not be worn.

Rewards

On Thursday 21st December, students who have not received any consequences and who have good attendance over a period of five weeks will take part in our "Super 5", rewards event. Mr Carmody will ensure that everyone involved has a very fun time!

On Friday 22nd December we will finish at our normal time, but Year 11 students who have attended 12 or more enrichment sessions will be invited to attend, "Fezziwig's Party" in the afternoon. Here they will be able to enjoy, "Tiny Tim's tasty treats", and "Marley's musical mayhem". We are looking forward to ending the term with a fantastic event for Year 11, celebrating all of their hard work and effort. Year 11 students will receive the results of their Trial 2 examinations in January, however there

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will be a maths results assembly on the morning of 22nd December where the maths results will be shared.

Spring term

The academy reopens on Monday 8th January 2024. I would like to thank you for your continued support this year. I wish all a very merry Christmas and I hope you have restful holiday break.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Spencer
Principal