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RE: END OF AUTUMN TERM/CHRISTMAS LETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope both you and your families are keeping well.

As the end of this Autumn term draws near, we are currently in the Holy season of Advent in which we prepare for the Nativity of our Lord on Christmas Day.

I am very touched by the way in which our young people take to their hearts the real meaning of Advent. They truly live out the values of the school and social justice, embedded in the Advent Candle of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy in a world often overwhelmed by the commercialism of Christmas.

This Advent, our school community will raise funds for the homeless charity, The Passage, for The Catholic Children's society and for CAFOD (Gaza). This demonstrates our commitment to ensuring that learning is not always about taking exams and progress, important though these are, but also the importance of nurturing commitment to the common good and our part in securing that for all.

This term has been a very busy one as usual. Our Year 13 Oxbridge and Dentistry applicants are waiting to hear of interviews. A significant number of Year 13 boys have applied to Russell group universities to study a range of subjects. Our 2023 GCSE progress 8 of +0.2 puts St Aloysius College in the top three secondary schools in Islington and in the top 10% of Catholic (state) boy's schools in the country. We are very pleased with this and we continue to work in partnership with you to secure the best possible outcomes for your son(s).

A number of parents are interested in setting up a Parent's Association at the school. If you are interested, please email your name, your son's name and a contact number to enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk.

Boys in Years 11 and 13 taking public examinations in 2024 will be set retrieval revision work for the Christmas holidays. Boys in Years 10 and 12 will sit Mock1 examinations week beginning Jan 22nd, 2024. Please make sure your son spends part of his Christmas holidays studying in preparation for the above examinations. Please note that applications from boys in Year 11 to our highly successful Sixth Form will close on Jan 26th, 2024.

Parents of pupils on free school meals will receive an email from Edenred on December 15th with holiday food vouchers to the value of £30 for each child to spend in a range of supermarkets. These vouchers are valid for 3 months until March 15th, 2024.

Our Christmas holiday food bank is now available to parents from 3.30-4.30pm daily until Fri, December 15th 2023. Please bring your own shopping bags. We are very thankful to FoodBank Aid and to Channing School for sponsoring our December foodbanks.

Please remind your son that a free breakfast is available every morning in the food tech room from 7.45-8.20am. This is sponsored by Kelloggs and consists of cereals, fruit juice, toasted bagels and spreads.



KEY DATES

Please see below details of the important dates for the remainder of this term:

DATE	EVENT
Thu 7th Dec 2023	Reward assembly for pupils in Year 11 (period 6).
Thu 7th Dec 2023	Year 11 Parent's evening. Pupils to attend with parents. (4.00-6.00pm).
Fri 8th Dec 2023	Staff INSET periods 1 and 2 so a late start for all pupils in Years 7-13 at 10.30am. School will finish at the usual time of 3.05pm.
Mon 11th Dec 2023	Reward assembly for pupils in Year 9 (period 6).
Tue 12th Dec 2023	Christmas liturgies for Years 7-13. (Form time, periods 1 & 2).
Tue 12th Dec 2023	Reward assembly for pupils in Year 10 (period 6).
Wed 13th Dec 2023	Sacrament of Reconciliation for Catholic pupils in Years 7-13. (9.00-11.00am).
Wed 13th Dec 2023	Reward assembly for pupils in Year 8 (period 6).
Thu 14th Dec 2023	Christmas dinner for pupils Years 7-13 in the dining hall. (Please make sure you top up your son's lunch card via parent pay.)
Thu 14th Dec 2023	Reward assembly for pupils in Year 7 (period 6).
Fri 15th Dec 2023	Non-school uniform day to raise funds for CAFOD: Gaza. (£1 per pupil) or donate a non-perishable item to the school's foodbank.
Fri 15th Dec 2023	Last day of term - Early finish for pupils Years 7-13 at 1.00pm.
Tue 2nd Jan 2024	Start of Spring term 2024 for all pupils in Years 7-13. All pupils return to school at the usual time (by 8.30am) in full school uniform and fully equipped for lessons. Boys must wear black school shoes. Trainers are not allowed except for PE.

A number of our Sixth Formers will take public examinations in January 2024. Please encourage your son to work hard over the Christmas holiday in preparation for these important exams.

BTEC SPORT

Y13 - Unit 22 Investigating Business in Sport and the active Leisure Industry 15/01/2024 (morning) 3h

Y13 - Unit 19 Development and provision of sport and Physical activity 18/01/2024 (morning) 2H30

Y12 - Unit 2 Fitness, Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Wellbeing 10/01/2024 (morning) 2h30

Y12 - Unit 1 Anatomy and Physiology 12/01/2024 (morning) 1h30

BTEC BUSINESS

Y13/Y12 - Unit 2 Developing a Marketing campaign 11/01/2024 (morning) 3h

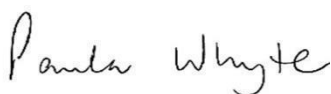
Y13 - Unit 6 Principles of Management 19/01/2024 (morning) 3h

Y13 - Unit 7 Business Decision Making 22/01/2024 (morning) 3h

Please encourage your sons/daughters to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to experience the real meaning of this Holy Season as we celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a safe, happy and restful Christmas holiday and every best wish for 2024.

Yours sincerely,



Paula Whyte
Headteacher