



11 December 2020

Dear Parent

### **End of term and start of New-Year**

As we head into the festive period, I am writing to update you on some key events and arrangements. This time last year we were getting ready for the showcase of the annual school performance of Sister Act which was a huge success. We are extremely disappointed that we will not have the production this year and hope that next year we will be able to return to our annual tradition.

### **Arrangements for last week of term**

The last week of term is very much a normal school week. We are however arranging a number of activities for students.

On Wednesday 16 December students may wear a Christmas themed item, such as a Christmas jumper along with their normal school uniform. We ask that students make a donation of £1 on this day and all money raised will go to Emmanuel House. Our current catering arrangements will mean that we will not be able to have our annual Christmas lunch this year. In the afternoon I am pleased to say the whole school will watch a live screened performance of A Christmas Carol starting Andrew Lincoln as Scrooge. If you would like to make a voluntary contribution of £2.50 towards the cost of the live screening, please do so via ParentPay. Year 10 will not have access to a break offer on this day either to allow for the showing.

### **Opportunities Programme - January 2021**

We are delighted that we have been given the go ahead to resume our Opportunities Programme to all students in all year groups. This has been launched to students during tutor time. We value the contribution that Opportunities provides and supports students' personal development. Information will be available on our website and encourage your child to get involved.

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On Thursday 17 December the academy will close for the holidays. Students will finish at the normal time with students in Years 7-9 finishing at 2:55pm and students in Years 10, 11 and Post 16 at 3:05pm. The timings of the day will be adapted slightly to incorporate an end of year assembly and extended tutor time activities. The academy will reopen on Monday 4 January 2021 and students are expected to arrive at the normal time.

At the end of term, we will unfortunately be saying goodbye to Mr Crossley (Deputy Headteacher) whom has been appointed as Headteacher at Hall Park Academy in the Trust. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Crossley on behalf of all students, staff, parents and governors for his invaluable contributions to the school over the seven years and wish him all the best in his new role. We will also say farewell to Mrs Cross (Maths teacher) who will be joining Park Vale Academy and welcome Mr O'Boyle who will join us as Head of French.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, wish you a happy Christmas break and all the best for 2021.

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