

9th December 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Christmas & New Year Information and Update from the Academy

As the end of term is rapidly approaching I would like to reflect on what has been a very positive autumn term. The autumn term is always the longest and most challenging with short days and often very poor weather. Students returned in September with a fantastic attitude and have really responded to the heightened expectations in behaviour, uniform and attitudes to learning. I have been particularly impressed with the way in which Year 7 have settled in and how Year 11 have responded to the demands of their final and most important year.

It has been an extremely busy 14 weeks and there has been lots going on in the Academy. I would encourage you to keep up to date on the news section of our website. There is lots more planned for the New Year!

<http://www.manorcroft.org.uk/news>

Please be aware of the following end of term arrangements:

Last day of term – Christmas Jumper Day

We will be maintaining our normal curriculum up until Friday 16 December 2016 for all students with the last day of term designated as Christmas Jumper Day. This year we are pleased to be supporting the National Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day when students can pay £1 to come to school wearing an item of Christmas themed clothing (no jewellery). **Students are expected to wear full school uniform**, only Christmas themed accessories are allowed, these can be:

- Socks
- Tights
- Hat
- Headbands
- *Jumper

*students do not need to wear a blazer if they are wearing a Christmas jumper but if no Christmas jumper then they **must** wear their blazer.

We will also be holding our annual staff pantomime for all students during the day on Friday.

The academy will close 1 hour earlier than normal for all students at 1:30 p.m. on Friday 16 December 2016 and will re-open again on Tuesday 3 January 2017 at the normal time 8:25 a.m.

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Adverse Weather Conditions

As we head into the depths of winter, whilst we always expect to remain open in the event of severe weather conditions (snow), you will however appreciate this is not always possible. Where there is a closure for students, we will communicate our intentions as soon as possible via text messaging service, our website and Kirklees LA website <http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

It would also be advisable given the onset of cold weather that all students arrive at the academy suitably equipped to keep warm. Therefore we would expect students to wear their blazer and a suitable coat, with a reminder that hoodies are not an acceptable form of academy uniform.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to wish you a peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year on behalf of everyone here at the academy.

As always if you have any questions, concerns or feedback then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



Andy Barnett
Principal