



December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas Events and End of Term Arrangements 2017

December has arrived and so I am writing to parents and carers to inform them of some of the many charity and fund raising events that are taking place towards the end of this term. The festivities begin with our Lower School Drama Production of **'Scrooge'**, **Thursday 7 December**, lower school hall, Rosemary Avenue. Please come along and support our students and the school.

On **Friday 8 December** a **'Bring and Buy Sale'** has been arranged at Rosemary Avenue. This will be held from 3.00-4.00pm and will involve years 7, 8 and 9. All proceeds will go to 'Crisis', the charity that supports homeless people.

Christmas Dinner will be served at both sites on **Monday 11 December, Tuesday 12 December and Wednesday 13 December**. A vegetarian alternative will be available on each day. Please note that no other hot meals will be produced on these days but sandwiches etc. will be sold as normal. Our **Post 16** students will have their **Christmas Dinner** together in the hall on **Friday 15 December**.

The second of our big Christmas charity events will be the **Christmas Concert** to take place at the Lower School site on **Thursday 14 December** at 7.00pm. Tickets are now on sale via ParentPay. The money raised this year will be donated to the **Noah's Ark Children's Hospice**.

The upper school charity event is the **'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day'**. Students at the Upper School are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school (with their normal school uniform kilts or trousers). The cost is £1.00 per student and all money raised goes to 'Save The Children'. This will be on **Friday 15 December**.

The last week of term is a busy time for us beginning as it does with the **Year 13 Leavers' Celebration on Monday 18 December**. This is timed after the end of that first term at university or indeed those first few months of employment or further training so that our girls can return to us to collect their public examination certificates and prizes and share their news. It is always lovely to see them and to catch up on their progress post Enfield County.

We are also having a charity whole school **non-uniform day on Monday 18 December**. The cost is £1.00 per student with the proceeds going to support several charities which will be chosen by the School Council.

This brings me on to the **last day of term – Wednesday 20 December**. Students on both sites will be dismissed at 12.00 noon. They then need to go straight home and not go into Enfield except to catch their buses or trains. This is a particularly busy time of year for the Town especially with term ending so near to Christmas. We therefore need to make sure that the already crowded shops and cafes are not made more so by the influx of several hundred children and young people. As always we will have staff on duty in Enfield to encourage a prompt departure from the area but your help in stressing to your daughter the need to get her bus or train promptly would be appreciated.

I am aware that having a half day closure at the end of term is not convenient for everybody and that some students may wish to stay in school to study or to have lunch. If this is what parents and students want then I am more than happy to arrange either afternoon supervision and/or a packed lunch for any of our students. Should parents wish this then please contact the relevant Head of Year who will make the necessary arrangements.


Wednesday 20 December will be my last school day at Enfield County and so it is with sadness that I say goodbye to the school community I have been part of for over 38 years. Your daughters have provided me with many 'golden moments' to cherish and achievements that are a great source of pride to me. I have indeed been fortunate to work in partnership with such supportive parents and carers and, in recent years, have been delighted to welcome the daughters of those girls I once taught at the beginning of my career.

My last act as Headteacher is to pass the stewardship on to Ms Gumbrell. I know that she is joining a fantastic school community and I also know that the school will go from strength to strength under her leadership and with your support.

Thank you for all the support you have given me over the years. It is just left for me to remind you that spring term begins on Thursday 4 January 2018 with an 11 o'clock start for all year groups.

Have a very happy holiday and a happy and successful 2018.

With very best wishes



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Headteacher