

13 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: End of Term 3**

I would like to start by thanking our students for another brilliant term in which they have really demonstrated our school values of respect, opportunity, collaboration and aspiration. The student leadership elections which took place this week epitomised this. Well done to all of the students who stood for these important positions, as well as those who helped to support the process.

Please remember that tomorrow (Friday 14 February) is an INSET day and so there is no school for our young people. Staff will be on site and engaged in training focussed on how we can support our young people to make their attendance at school even better. We want to do all we can to boost attendance. I would like to call on the support of our parents and carers to help us achieve this goal by ensuring your child comes to school every day and promoting the benefits of good attendance.

I wish the 50 students and staff going on the ski trip to Austria over half term a wonderful time.

Term 4 starts on Monday 24 February with week B on the timetable. Year 11 students will be sitting their second round of mock exams in the first two weeks back and there will be lots to look forward to in the weeks that follow, including science week, our eco-summit day, the UK maths challenge, numerous sporting fixtures and of course the performances of our musical production of 'The school of rock' in the last week of March.

We'll keep you updated with everything going on and celebrate the many wonderful achievements of our students through our social media channels on X, Facebook, and Instagram.

Have a lovely half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Bassford

Headteacher