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Dear Parent/Carer

We have enjoyed welcoming students back this week and hearing stories about their family time over Christmas. Many have returned with a positive attitude and we look forward to the lighter nights and moving forward with our improvement agenda this term.

We were disappointed that we had to cancel some events before Christmas due to the inclement weather. We suffered a burst water main but thanks to the hard work of our site team and their careful planning, we were able to control our water use so that we could remain open. We sent a letter before Christmas about our emergency closure procedures and if you haven't yet responded to this, please do so as a matter of urgency. I would also urge parents/carers that do not have access to ClassCharts to sign up as quickly as you can. We hope to reschedule the events that were cancelled as soon as we can and will be in touch with parents/carers of the year groups affected.

Before the break we had a multitude of Christmas activities happening in school and I was delighted by the involvement of students in the last week of term. Their participation in the Nativity (Year 7) the Carol Service, our in-school Christmas service, sixth form activities and the Christmas Fayre was excellent! We hope to share more about this in the January edition of Trinity Life. The students that took part in the Christmas Fayre raised almost £1,500 for Macmillan. Thank you for all your support with costumes, rehearsals at home, baking, crafting and so on. Thank you, also, for your contributions to the Food Bank via our advent calendar. I am sure the donations will have been greatly received at this difficult time for some families. Over 700 Christmas cards were sent to care homes, hospital wards and the elderly in the community and we are already receiving messages of thanks to students for taking the time to send cards.

Year 13 are currently undertaking their mock exams and Year 11, after receiving results of the November mocks before Christmas, will be working towards a second week of exams before half term. There will be extra support for some students based on the outcome of these exams so, if you are a parent/carer of a student who takes exams this summer, please look out for reminders about sessions available for your child and encourage them to attend. Year 11 will also have a progression interview with a member of the leadership team to help them make decisions about their next steps post 16. Mrs Ewing, our information, advice and guidance officer has been helping students with choices and will be working intensively with those who are unsure about what to do next. For those still unsure about whether to join the sixth form, there will be an informal event on Saturday 4th February to support them.

It is, of course, essential that students in Year 11 and 13 attend school regularly at this extremely important time. We know that those students who attend school regularly achieve better than those who do not. We also know that those students who maintain exemplary attendance records leading up to year 11, find this a less



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challenging prospect. Attendance rewards will continue for all year groups this half term: it was a pleasure to see the excitement of the students who won the attendance prize draws in the last week of term. I hope they enjoyed their visits to Nandos, Greggs, Vue etc!

Year 9 start the options process this half term and information will be sent about this in due course. There will be opportunities in school for students to have support to make their choices and there will be an options evening for parents, too. We will also be inviting Year 7 parents along to the rescheduled Year 8 event about supporting you to check progress in books.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Jo Hawkin
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