

11<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents

With less than two weeks before we break up for Christmas I am writing out to you all to confirm the end of term arrangements and details around our return to school in January. The only event in the calendar before Christmas is our Year 8 Parents' Evening from 4:30pm this Thursday. Please ensure someone attends if you have a child in Year 8.

The last day of term is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. This is a school day and a non-uniform day. Students can wear their own clothes, including Christmas jumpers. We are asking for a minimum £1 donation to our Bethany Barry fundraising. You will recall I mentioned in the last newsletter that one of our year 11 students Bethany has been battling cancer for a number of years and we are looking to raise several thousand pounds to allow her and her family to go to Disneyland next summer. Bethany has been an incredible patient undergoing horrible treatment without complaint and attending school every possible day. If you can afford to send your child in with £1.50 or £2 your contributions would be much appreciated.

The timings of the 22<sup>nd</sup> are as follows:

8:45am	Form
9:00am	Lesson 1 as normal
10:00am-10:30am	Break
10:30am-12:10pm	Form events
12:10pm	College closes

Arrangements for Year 11 are slightly different. In recognition of all their incredible work and attendance to 4 hours of extra lessons per week, they are finishing at 3:03pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

All students are expected back in College at the usual time of 8:40am on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, when it will be business as usual.

Can I please remind you all how important it is that your child attends everyday up to Christmas. Please note that attendance on the first and last days of a term is one of the criteria for attending the Blackpool trip in the summer.

This term is the longest and in many ways the busiest. Thank you all for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly, completes homework and wears our uniform with pride. Without your support at home our jobs in school would be a lot harder. On this note please ensure any festive nails and hair colours are back to normal by the 9<sup>th</sup> January!

Miss Roach our literacy lead wants to encourage students to keep reading over Christmas. Can we please encourage you to take pictures of your child reading over the festive period, please then email these in to [admin@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk). There will be prizes for the most creative reading location and festive outfits!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, peaceful and fun filled Christmas. I hope 2018 brings all you wish for. All the very best to you all and I look forward to another fantastic term in Shuttleworth in January.

Merry Christmas!

Headteacher