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**GEORGE
DIXON
ACADEMY**

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Dear Families,

I write to keep you informed of our end of term and New Year arrangements, with forthcoming dates for your diary, as yet another busy term draws to a close and Christmas approaches.

As you will 'feel' but also clearly 'know', the Academy continues to grow from strength to strength. Our students' GCSE and A-Level performance leading to very positive student progress score reflect the dedication of the staff and student body alike. Whilst we are very pleased with the improvements that we have made, we realise that there is still much to do. We must ensure that we continue to sustain these improvements as we continue to build on our successes and intensely focus on improving the quality of progress and attainment for every one of our children.

I am pleased to inform you that the academy achieved a Gold Award in "Quality in Careers Education". I thank Mrs Buckingham and Mr Jerome for their positive contributions. In addition, the academy was presented with a Community Impact Award by the Remembering Srebrenica charity for outstanding contributions to tackling discrimination, hatred and intolerance. I am grateful to Miss Darwood, Mrs Forder, Mr Shaw and Mr Mann for providing this opportunity to our Sixth Form students.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Wednesday 19th December marks the last day of the Autumn Term and all students will be dismissed at 3.20pm.

JANUARY RETURN

The Academy will re-open for all students on **Monday 7th January 2019 at 8:40am.**

START & END OF ACADEMY DAY REQUEST

We remain concerned about the safety of students at the Academy gates with the volume of traffic combined with the volume of students arriving & leaving at the start/end of the day. Please do not park on the yellow lines directly in front of the Academy.

UNIFORM

If you wish your child to wear a jumper or cardigan under their blazer in the colder weather, please ensure it is the Academy's official grey knitwear from Gogna Sports on Rookery Road. No other knitwear is allowed.

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If you are replacing items of uniform please make yourself familiar with our requirements for leather or leather effect shoes (not boots or trainers) and tailored trousers and skirts.

Please remember that students who arrive without appropriate footwear are provided with a black pump shoe alternative. Failure to comply may result in your child being placed in isolation and missing out on essential teaching.

SEVERE WEATHER

In the event of severe weather which would cause the academy to be closed, the quickest way to find out whether we will be open is through the Academy Website: www.georgedixonacademy.com

Additionally, text messages and tweets will be made informing you of my decision.

All local radio stations are also informed, and they then broadcast any school closures (usually early morning). We will, as usual, make every attempt to keep the Academy open and running as normal.

More generally, while we appreciate that children often wish to let school friends see their Christmas presents or their latest 'gadgets' (especially mobile devices including internet linked watches, mobile phones and tablets) please could you remind your child of the **Academy's Policy** which clearly states that such items should be left at home where possible, and **under no circumstances should they be used in the academy building.**

I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Have a very peaceful holiday.

Yours sincerely,



Anthony Hamilton
Headmaster