

December 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: End of Term Arrangements and Events**

The end of term is quickly approaching and in-between learning, mock examinations, Reconciliation Services there are a number of 'Christmas events'. This is a special time for us as a faith family and as a school we will be celebrating in a number of ways.

On the **13<sup>th</sup> December 2018** the Friends of St Edmund's are holding a Christmas disco for Years 7 and 8 from 6.30pm to 8pm. Tickets are £2 and available from Ms Slight.

We have our Christmas Carol Concert on the **17<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 6pm, at St John's Cathedral** which all our students, staff, parents and community are invited to. All Year 7 students, Chaplaincy Team and Senior Prefects are expected to attend.

Students have the option of a Christmas Lunch (cost £2) on the **18<sup>th</sup> December 2018** (Prefect lunch on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – cost 50p). Year 7 students will have a special early sitting (18<sup>th</sup> December) where they will be able to celebrate together as a whole year group. Students will be required to buy a ticket in advance.

Finally, on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018** staff and students will have our Emmanuel Celebrations before leaving for the Christmas break just after **12 noon**. Students may purchase lunch/snacks during morning break only. All lessons will obviously continue to focus on curriculum content until we break up so as to ensure that students strive to make progress. This is a non-uniform day where we encourage students to wear a Christmas jumper (should they wish) at a cost of £1 which will go to a chosen charity. Please advise if any bikes are locked up.

As it is now dark in the evening/mornings please could I urge parents to check that students have lights on bikes and are wearing helmets / visible clothing. We have recently had to remind students of sensible cycling but the starting point of this is 'being seen by motorists'. We have also improved our security on the bike sheds which will be open to students at the end of the day.

The school will re-open after the Christmas break on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019** at 8.25am. Could I please ask you to re-inforce with your child that the school does not allow haircuts below grade 2, dyed/extension hair and false nails. New phones/devices are best kept safe at home as is new jewellery.

May I thank you for your continued support and wish you a happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas.

**Key Dates:**

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2018: FOSE Disco for Year 7 & 8 (6.30pm-8pm).**

**17<sup>th</sup> December 2018: Carol Concert (6pm St John's Cathedral).**

**18<sup>th</sup> December 2018: Christmas Lunch (Year 7's to purchase ticket in advance).**

**19<sup>th</sup> December 2018: Prefect Christmas Lunch.**

**21<sup>st</sup> December 2018: Emmanuel Celebration. 12 noon School closes (collection from School).**

**21<sup>st</sup> December 2018: Wear a Christmas Jumper day (£1 to go to a chosen charity).**

**7<sup>th</sup> January 2019: School Re-opens. Year 11 English Literature Mock.**

**24<sup>th</sup> January 2019: Year 9 Options Market, 4.30pm-6.30pm.**

**5<sup>th</sup> February 2019: Year 11 School Photograph.**

**7<sup>th</sup> February 2019: Year 11 Parents Evening, 4pm – 6.30pm.**

Yours sincerely



Mr S Graham  
Headteacher