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Dear Families,

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS – REMINDER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

With Christmas fast approaching, it is important that students are reminded what we, as an academy community, expect of them in terms of behaviour during the festive break. Whilst we hope they will enjoy socialising with friends and family, we also want to ensure they feel confident to keep themselves safe and away from danger, crime and anti-social behaviour.

Families and students should be aware that as part of our safeguarding arrangements, the academy has a two-way information sharing agreement in place with West Midlands Police. I chair the Edgbaston Police & Schools Panel which allows us to work closely with the police, preventing and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

In partnership with the police, we would like to remind our students about the following:-

- **Anti-social behaviour:** Think about how your actions and behaviour affects others.
- **Remember the company you keep:** if your friend breaks the law, you may also be held responsible for that crime, even if you weren't the one directly responsible.
- **Personal Safety:**
  - Be aware of your surroundings, take care of friends and family members and keep Christmas gifts and other valuables such as smartphones out of public view whenever possible, especially during your journey to and from the academy, when you return in the New Year. Register your valuables at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) to improve the chances of getting them back if they are lost or stolen.
  - Don't drink alcohol, take illegal drugs or unknown substances; they can have a big impact on your health and safety, behaviour and your ability to do well at the academy and enjoy other interests and activities. They can also be addictive and have unpredictable side effects, including sudden death! Information is available at [www.talktofrank.com](http://www.talktofrank.com)

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- **Weapons in public places: It is an offense to be in possession of a knife in any public space.** Carrying knives or other weapons will result in you having a criminal record which will have life-long effects on travel and job prospects. Those who carry knives are also much more likely to be injured by them.
- **Off-road bikes:** these can only be ridden on private land with the landowner's permission. Don't risk your life and future prospects by illegally riding these on the road.

We hope that this advice is received as a positive reminder to enjoy the festivities but having regard for the rule of law, our families and ourselves.

Please have a safe Christmas.

Yours faithfully,



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