

29th November 2022



Dear Parents

Re: Term 2 Update

The term is now half way through and, apart from great learning, there is lots going on in the Academy.

Last week a number of our students met with Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of Wiltshire Council on Wednesday and then John Glen MP on Friday. All students asked insightful questions and showed real interest in local and national politics.

There are also lots of sporting events happening, so congratulations to all students representing the Academy in recent weeks.

I am writing to remind you of the upcoming events for the rest of the term:

Monday, 12th December – Christmas Carol Service

We are delighted that St Michael's Church are hosting our Carol Service this year. All families are welcome to join us at 6:00pm and then after the service for light refreshments.

Wednesday, 14th December – Christmas Lunch

A traditional Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday, 14th December. There will be a normal 'grab and go' service at break time and if students do not want to have Christmas lunch they should purchase food at break. The cost of Christmas lunch is great value at just £2.35 and I would highly recommend that friends get together to have lunch with one another.

Thursday, 15th December – Community Carol Walk

This is a new event for this year and members of the school community will be meeting at St Michael's Church at 5:00pm and then walking through Bemerton Heath stopping to sing carols and ending at the Harlequins social club at 6:30pm for mulled wine and mince pies. All family members are very welcome to join us.

Friday, 16th December 2022 – Last day of term and Early Closure

The School Council have requested that we raise money for Save the Children again on the last day of term. Students are encouraged to wear 'Christmas jumpers' or anything festive to support Save the Children and the minimum donation for this is £1.

The Academy will close early on the last day at 12:30pm for the start of the Christmas holiday break.

It is suggested that students purchase food during the morning break, as the Dining Hall facilities will not be available to purchase lunch.

Arrangements have been made with all of the coach companies to collect students at this earlier time and the school minibuses will also leave the Academy at 12:30pm.

For those students who cannot get home on the day, we will provide a safe and supervised space for students to enable them to stay in the Academy until the end of the school day.

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And finally.....

I wanted to let families know that Mrs Milford, Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo, will be leaving the Academy at the end of term. Mrs Milford has been instrumental in the development of our inclusive culture and she will be missed by many students, parents and staff. Mrs Milford will be spending more time with her own family and takes up a post as a specialist advisor for SEND in January. She has promised to keep in touch with us though!

Mr Mineur, who has personal experience as a SEND parent, will step into Mrs Milford's role assisted, of course, by the fantastic Mrs Steggel.

We will be celebrating Mrs Milford's time with us in the last week of term and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Milford or myself.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Moore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs J Moore
Headteacher