



Standish Community High School

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When replying please ask for:

10th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

As we approach the Christmas break, after what has been an incredibly long and busy term, I would like to thank staff, students, parents/carers and governors for their continued support in everything we do. I am delighted with how well our students have applied themselves in school with regards to their own learning and through supporting school events over the recent months.

As always, our fundraising activities have been focussed and fun. I would like to recognise the efforts of the students and staff in supporting a range of worthy causes such as Cancer Research, British Heart Foundation, Three Wishes, The Brick Christmas Collection and the Movember Foundation. We are confident that we will achieve our target of over five thousand pounds.

As we prepare for the Christmas break, I would like to draw to your attention to the arrangements detailed below:

- Our final day in school this term Friday 21st December 2018, will be a non-uniform day with students being asked to make a minimum contribution of £1.00 to our charity funds. If students do not wish to support our charity fundraising, they must attend in full school uniform on this day
- School will close on this day at 1.00pm
- All buses are able to collect students at 1.00pm

School re-opens to all students on Monday 7th January 2019 at 8.50am. Should we experience any adverse weather conditions over the Christmas period, please refer to our school website for updates and arrangements that may affect return to school.

Year 11 Examination - Please be aware that the Year 11 Cambridge National Sports Studies examination and the CiDA IT examination will take place on Friday 11th January 2019. Students are to work through their revision notes and focus on feedback and questions from the mock examination. Staff will inform students of the additional revision sessions that will be held during lessons and after school.

Sadly, after nearly twenty years of wonderful service to our school community, we say goodbye to Mrs Dunn, our Catering Manager, who is retiring at the end of term. Mrs Dunn has prepared and served over three and a half million lunches during her time at Standish Community High School. As a school community, staff, governors, parents/carers, students past and present wish her well in her retirement. Likewise, we say farewell to Mr Wright, teacher of science, who has secured a promotion as a Lead Teacher of Science at St John Fisher R C High School in Wigan and we wish him all the best for the future. Finally, Miss Whyte, Teacher of Science, will begin her maternity leave at the end of term and we wish her well with her new arrival.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a safe and enjoyable break over the Christmas period. I look forward to working with you again in January in what, I am confident, will be a rewarding, challenging and successful term for us all. I would be grateful if you could complete and return the reply slip overleaf and return to school by Friday 14th December.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2019.

Yours sincerely

L Barker
Head of School

Reply slip: To be returned by all students. Please return this reply slip to your child's form tutor by Friday 14th December 2018.

I have received a copy of the end of term letter from the Head of School dated 10th December 2018. I am aware that school will close at 1.00pm on Friday 21st December 2018.

Student name: _____ **Form** _____ **Date:** _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
Parent/Carer