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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy and successful term there is so much for us to be proud of and celebrate. Many of your children will have been involved in multiple activities, trips and events, taking full advantage of all the opportunities offered to them.

At the end of this year, I wish to give you a staffing update for January 2024. As ever at this time of the year we sadly have to say goodbye and thank you to some staff who are leaving us. I would like to thank **Miss Way** who will be getting married in the Christmas holidays and then taking up a promotion as Head of Philosophy and Ethics, in her new school. We would like to thank Miss Way for her commitment, and passion for languages. and wish her all the best as she starts her next adventure.

New appointments We are really pleased to welcome the following staff:-

- **Mrs James** joined us recently after October half term as a Science/KS3 teacher
- **Miss Toombs** English/KS3 teacher
- **Mrs Taylor** Maths/KS3 teacher
- **Mr Griffin** TA/Maths & Science Tutor
- **Mr Long** Cover supervisor
- **Mrs Flew** joined us recently as Secondary TA

Maternity Leave

- **Mrs Bourke** will be starting her maternity leave and we would like to wish her well.

Charity and fundraising

We realise that we are currently living through challenging times, so I would like to say a huge thank you to you and your child(ren) who have been able to support us in raising enough money to help the many people we would like to support at this time of year. Your support for our charity campaigns has allowed us to increase awareness and provide financial support for many local, national and international causes. Here is a summary of what we have achieved so far - Thank you!

- MacMillian Coffee morning raised £400
- Children in Need raised £143.78
- Poppy Appeal £321.53
- Christmas Jumper Day raised £259.10

Parent Forum

We have continued to hold our parent forums; these are incredibly positive and we want to continue to build on this and communicate with our community far more! Please see [our website](#) for the minutes of these meetings, or the [google form](#) if you wish to be part of these.





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January INSET

A reminder that Monday 1st January 2024 is a bank holiday and Tuesday 2nd January 2023 is a staff INSET day. All students are expected back on **Wednesday 3rd January 2024**

As we look towards the Christmas holiday, the school is a hive of activity with various events such as our annual Christmas lunches and our celebration assemblies where students will receive awards for character, confidence and commitment. Additionally, tutor groups will have an extra session together on Friday before we finish at 12:30 pm.

Can I take this opportunity to wish everyone in our community a restful and enjoyable festive season. We look forward to welcoming back the whole school on **Wednesday 3rd January**.

Merry Christmas!

Mrs Lesley Bishop
Principal of Secondary