



December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of a busy term, I would like to share with you some key information and important dates for the next half term.

CAROL SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who attended the Carol Service at the Anglican Cathedral on Wednesday. It was, as always, a very special event with amazing performances and readings, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas.

CELEBRATIONS

There have been so many achievements to celebrate at the end of this term that are too numerous to mention. However, it is a pleasure to see so many of our students being rewarded for excellent attendance, attitude to learning and both pastoral and academic excellence. Congratulations to all of our students; keep up the good work! The Newsletter for this term can be found on our website and showcases the wonderful achievements of the school. I am so grateful to the staff who are so giving of their time to offer our students the chance to experience many learning opportunities outside of the classroom.

For the first time we hosted Awards Evening in our lovely school building last month. It was a privilege to welcome so many families, past pupils and visitors to support the event and the successes of our girls.

I would also like to draw your attention to the academic achievements of last year's Year 11 cohort. Their examination results were a credit to the hard work of the girls, the support of their parents and the commitment and dedication of our staff. Equally, the sustained improvement of the Sixth Form results shows we are continuing to make progress in this area year on year.

ONLINE SAFETY

In this digital age it is important to look after the online safety and welfare of our young people. We will be engaging in a variety of assemblies, presentations and events with guest speakers in the build up to Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, 5 February 2019. We would encourage you as parents to talk to your child about the importance of keeping safe online and protecting their personal information. I would also seek your support in promoting the appropriate use of social media.

UNIFORM

We are proud of the way our students always look so smart for school. Thank you for supporting the school policies. If you are purchasing any new uniform over the holidays, all items that are acceptable to school can be found on our website.

DATES FOR NEXT HALF TERM

Tuesday, 8 January 2019	8.30 am	Return to School
Wednesday 9 January	5.00 pm	Parents Meeting for Disney trip
Thursday 10 January	3.30-6.30 pm	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday, 17 January	3.30-6.30 pm	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thursday, 24 January	6.00-8.00 pm	Sixth Form Open Evening and Careers Event
Tuesday, 5 February		Safer Internet Day
Wednesday, 6 February	3.30-5.30 pm	Year 9 Options Evening (Careers Fair all day)
Thursday, 7 February		Choir performing at the Annual Church of England Education Conference, Westminster

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a happy, peaceful Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Yours sincerely



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