

9th December 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

The end of term and a couple of fond farewells

As we approach the end of our longest term of the academic year I wanted to write to you all to thank you for all of the support that you have provided Team SUA this term. It has certainly been busy and filled with an incredible number of additional events as well as the regular routines of your children's weekly lessons! The newsletter will be sent out to you all electronically next week and we would urge you to take a look through this as it showcases some really interesting news stories.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish a couple of our members of staff the very best of wishes as they leave us this December to move onto pastures new. Mr Boon joined the science department as a newly qualified teacher in September 2020; he has secured a new teaching role at a school in Trentham. Mr Smith joined the PE department as a newly qualified teacher in September 2019 and he has gained a promotion to a school within the Ormiston Academy Trust. Mr Williams joined us in June 2017 as a member of the extended leadership team, by 2020 he had gained the post of Assistant Principal at SUA. Mr Williams has secured a promotion to the position of deputy headteacher at a school in Wolverhampton. Good luck to these colleagues – we all wish them well for January and beyond!

The end of term

This week has seen our Christmas Concert and Year 11 and 13 Awards Celebration Evening – both were really lovely to attend and another chance to celebrate the successes of your children, our students. Next week SUA6 are hosting the senior citizens' Christmas meal. We have the students' Christmas meal available through Chartwell's during Wednesday's lunchtime service and we end the term with another important charity fundraiser!

Following our highly successful Children in Need day raising an amazing £833, we will in true Team SUA style, be supporting Save the Children next week on our last day of term. We will do this by wearing Christmas jumpers or Christmas themed clothing / decorations / tinsel. It is only £1 each to take part and the money will be collected during period 1. The academy day will end at 12 o'clock on Friday when we will wish all of our students a Merry Christmas break.

Arrangements for January's return

We return to the academy on **Tuesday 3rd January** to a teaching and learning morning event for all staff. Students are expected to arrive to the academy **at 11.25am** and report straight to their period 3 lesson. The only exception to this will be for Year 11 who will report straight to the hall to begin the new term with an assembly.

We hope that you are all able to have a peaceful break this Christmas and New Year and we look forward to working with you all again in 2023.

Best wishes

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