

16 November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well. It seems that time has passed by so quickly as we accelerate towards the Christmas season.

In this vein, I am writing to you to draw your attention to some notable dates, together with some items of news.

End of Term Events

- **Tuesday 19th December 2017 at 5:30pm:** 'The Christmas Celebration'
Our Christmas Celebration will be comprised of a Christmas liturgy and some seasonal songs, followed by festive refreshments. Tickets will be on sale from 1st December via the Academy office, priced at £1, which will form a donation to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.
- **Wednesday 20th December 2017:** Achievement Assemblies will be held throughout the day. This will be an **optional** non-uniform day with a Christmas jumper/festive themed dress code. Donations of 50 pence from each student would be appreciated. Again, this donation will go directly to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. I am fully aware that some students prefer to remain in uniform, and this is absolutely fine and acceptable. I, myself, will be in a suit – and not a Christmas suit! Additionally, at lunchtime students will be able to purchase a festive Christmas dinner from the kitchen.
- **Friday 22nd December 2017:** End of term. We will be celebrating Christmas with liturgies and themed lessons throughout the morning. I am very appreciative of the fact that the school is closing later than usual on a date much closer to Christmas. **Accordingly, please note that school will close at midday. Buses will leave the site at 12:00pm.** Students who are eligible for Free School Meals will be able to obtain a meal at break time.

Parents in Partnership

As you are aware, Parents in Partnership is comprised of a group of committed parents who meet with the leadership team of the school to discuss our priorities and our future plans. Please note that the next meeting takes place on Monday 20th November, 5-6pm. If you wish to join this group, please e-mail Julie Barrett at jbarrett@stmichaelsacademy.org.uk Any parents wishing to join will be warmly welcomed.

Lord Theodore Agnew – cites St Michael's in a public address

Lord Agnew is the newly-appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Schools. He made a recent national speech on 31st October 2017 citing St Michael's as an example of a successful sponsored academy and made reference to the twenty-three Grade 9s which were awarded in English. I am delighted that the hard work of students and staff has been so kindly recognised. There remains yet more to achieve in terms of school improvement. Nevertheless, for us to receive such commendation in the same year as a highly favourable Ofsted inspection is music to the soul for the entire community.



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Dates for your diary

- **Thursday 14th December 2017 from 4:00-6:30pm:** Year 11 Parents' Evening
- **Tuesday 16th January 2018 from 4:00-6:30pm:** Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **Tuesday 30th January 2018 at 5:30pm:** Year 9 Options Evening
- **Tuesday 6th February 2018 from 4:00-6:30pm:** Year 10 Parents' Evening
- **Tuesday 27th March 2018 from 4:00-6:30pm:** Year 8 Parents' Evening
- **Tuesday 15th May 2018 from 4:00-6:30pm:** Year 7 Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 14th June 2018 at 5:30pm:** Year 8 Curriculum Parents' Information Evening

I will be writing to you again before Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

With all good wishes,



Andrew Ramsey
Principal

