

6 December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well. It seems that time has passed by extremely quickly as we accelerate towards the Christmas season. The Autumn term is always one of great intensity and I am deeply thankful to staff and students alike for their dedication and commitment to all we stand for.

I am particularly grateful to you, our wonderfully supportive parents and carers, for your partnership and faithfulness throughout the year.

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

Christmas Dinner - Thursday 13th December

Christmas dinner will be held on, Thursday 13th December at lunchtime, if you wish your child to have Christmas dinner but he/she does not normally eat school dinners, then you can pay £2.15 for a set menu (a main course and pudding).

Year 11 Parents' Evening - Thursday 13th December

You will have received a letter inviting you to attend your son/daughter's parents' evening which is taking place in the sports hall on Thursday 13th December from 3:45pm till 6:15pm. If you have not received your log-in details to access to the online booking system please contact the Academy. I hope you are able to attend on Thursday 13th December and look forward to welcoming you to this important evening.

Optional Festive Clothes Day – Tuesday 18th December

Not all students enjoy non-uniform days, accordingly, we will be holding a festive own clothes day which is **optional**. Students may wear Christmas Jumpers or festive theme. We would ask for a donation of £1 please and this year we will donate the money raised to www.thankyousoldier.co.uk

This charity exists to support veterans from the Royal Navy, Army or Royal Air Force who are facing difficulties after leaving service life. Thank you so much.

Christmas Carol Service - Wednesday 19th December, 6.00pm

On Wednesday 19th December we are having our Christmas Carol Service at Holy Rosary Church, Billingham at 6.00pm. Everyone is most welcome, please do support our very special celebration of Christmas.



Create an e-alert account on our website to keep up with the news at school

Achievement Assemblies – Thursday 20th December

We will be recognising student achievement across the Academy in special assemblies throughout the day. It is wonderful to affirm the work and kindnesses of our students.

End of Term - Friday 21st December

We will be celebrating Christmas with liturgies and themed lessons throughout the morning. **Please note that Academy will close at 12.30pm and accordingly the school buses will leave the site at 12:30pm.** Students who are eligible for Free School Meals will be able to obtain a meal at break time.

Tuesday 8 January 2019

The Academy opens for students at the normal time.

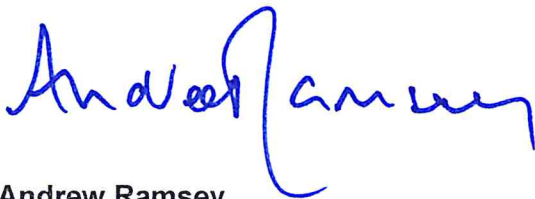
Dates for your diary

- **Thursday 13th December 2018 from 3:45pm – 6:15pm:** Year 11 Parents' Evening
- **Tuesday 15th January 2019:** Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **Tuesday 29th January 2019:** Year 9 Options Information Evening
- **Tuesday 5th March 2019:** Year 10 Parents' Evening
- **Tuesday 2nd April 2019:** Year 8 Parents' Evening
- **Tuesday 30th April 2019:** Year 7 Parents' Evening

This is a particularly demanding time of year for families and I hope this Christmastide you find time to rest and enjoy the celebrations.

Thank you and I will be writing again to you before we close for Christmas.

With all good wishes,



Andrew Ramsey
Principal