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Dear Parent/Carer

The term is drawing to an end and all members of the Academy learning community are starting to think about mince pies and the Christmas holidays. With trips to Bude, trips to the theatre and trips to universities, the term has been full of enrichment opportunities that have made great learning experiences and memories for our students.

Many exciting events have taken place this term and I hope you enjoy the newsletter that will be coming home this week with your son/daughter. It really emphasises the amount of charity work that the students have undertaken to benefit both local and national causes. Thank you for your generosity in supporting these events, in particular those of you who came along to the Christmas Fayre to raise money for our Mini Bus Lite.

Parents evenings with tutors and subject teachers have been well attended this term, with great discussions focussed around progress and behaviour. Year 11 and 13 have had their first set of mock exams with most students using a well structured revision timetable to manage their time effectively. Results of these will be shared with students before the end of term and if there are some surprises then we have a good team of staff who are ready to provide advice and guidance to help get your son/daughter back on track. For those who are on track, well done and keep up the efforts for next term.

We sadly say goodbye to Mrs Tracey Cudmore (Maths) at the end of the term and wish her well with her one-to-one tutoring business. We also say goodbye to Miss Charlotte Skinner (Science) and Mr Peter Dinsmore-Griffiths (Drama) and thank them for their contribution to the Academy. Lisa Kimber (Pastoral Mentor Y9-11) has made the decision to spend more time with her family and I am sure there are many families who will thank her for her support over the past year. Mrs Michelle Keane will now be remaining at the Academy and will replace Lisa Kimber in this key Pastoral Mentor role. Several TAs have also left us over this term - I thank them for their contribution and wish them all well.

So it leaves me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I do hope you find time to join us at the Carol Service in St Mary's Church on Wednesday 14th December at 7pm where you will be able to see some of our wonderfully talented musicians sing and provide music for the service. We return on Wednesday 4th January 2017, with students spending the first session with their tutors so that we can settle them back into their learning environment.

Warm regards,



Lisa Boorman
Principal



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