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Dear parent/carer,

CHANGE TO END OF TERM 2021 AND BEGINNING OF TERM 2022

End of term changes

It is that very busy time of year in schools. This year, as with last year, I have had to make some difficult decisions. With the growth of the cases of the new variant, Omicron, I have decided to cancel our carol service at the Cathedral. This would have been on Tuesday morning. **Instead of asking students and staff to come into school to sit in form groups on the Tuesday, I have decided to close on Monday at the end of the school day and to make the time up for Tuesday at a later date.** I hope that you understand the reasoning behind this. So many of you have been in touch to explain about your anxieties surrounding Christmas plans and the hopes for a different Christmas to last year.

Changes to the beginning of term January 2022

On another Covid note, we are being asked to do tests before the students return. Given the numbers who have given consent, we will have to use 2 days to do this safely. This means a delay to the return to school for all students. Please see the table below. Please continue to test for Covid in your households. The new tests are easier than ever to do and can make a real difference. We will send all students home with tests for the Christmas period. Please note that we will send you the schedule for testing this week as each form will be given an allocated time slot. Whilst we appreciate the disruption all of this causes, our aim remains to return as safely as possible to school after Christmas.

Christmas Celebrations

As a school we are supporting 3 different charities this Christmas. Any monies raised will be shared between:

KIND - <https://kind.org.uk/>

Radio City Mission Christmas - <https://www.cashforkidsgive.co.uk/campaign/radio-city—greatest-hits-radio-mission-christmas-fundraising-2021/fundraisers/st-hilda's-liverpool/>

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Alzheimer's Society – Brodie House charity - https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/elf-day?gclid=Cj0KCQjww4OMBhCUARIsAlLndv5mrrfwyKNU7HsJG45isFtfkr_d9cyZ_SsbCWup3wDNaWSPSgdhCsaAuLoEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds

Any small amount, if you can, will make such a difference. If students bring in a £1 where possible for our Christmas celebrations on Thursday 16th December, we will split this between the 3 charities.

I will send our Christmas magazine to you, but I wanted to make you aware of the changes and events so that you can make any necessary plans you need to.

Thank you for your support! I hope that the table below helps in your planning at this exceptionally busy time. As always, you are in our prayers and we are praying especially hard for a peaceful Christmas with families together.

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 14 th	Bishop Paul in for a Year 7 Eucharist (1.45 onwards). Year 12 Christmas buffet and assembly.
Wednesday 15 th	Mock results for Year 11 period 5. Vaccinations all day – only for those who have given consent. Year 13 Christmas buffet and assembly.
Thursday 16 th	Elf Yourself day/Christmas 'jumper' day. Students are encouraged to wear something Christmassy. Please note, this is not a non-uniform day. Students can choose to wear a Christmas jumper, hats, elf ears or other Christmassy items. A small donation can be made where possible. Free student Christmas lunch – turkey burger, fries and chocolate cake. Vegan/vegetarian options available. Christmas music, crackers and games! Years 12 & 13 in forms. Year 11 Christmas quiz period 5 (to be confirmed).
Friday 17 th	Carol Service periods 4 and 5 screened to all students.
Monday 20 th	Celebration assemblies through the day for years 7-11. School closes at the end of the day.
Tuesday 4 th	Bank holiday for the Queen's platinum jubilee.
Wednesday 5 th	Testing of Years 10-13 in school. No students in school for lessons. A separate letter will be sent with times.
Thursday 6 th	Year 10 – 13 lessons take place. It is week 1. Years 7-9 in school for testing, but not in lessons.
Friday 7 th	All students back.

Kind regards,

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