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Dear Parents and Carers,

Information for the end of term and the start of 2019

I would like to thank you for all of your support over the first two terms of this year. It has been a busy start to the academic year with all of our members of staff working to ensure that our students are working to achieve our high expectations of them, whilst also ensuring that they are safe and happy members of our community. Coupled with this, we have had a wide variety of activities taking place out of the classroom, ensuring that our students develop both personally and academically. In the next two weeks we have the performances of this year's College musical 'Chicago' which will take place on 28th, 29th, 30th November. Parents and carers should have recently received a letter detailing ticketing arrangements.

Charity Event:

At the last meeting of the School Council we discussed fund raising events for the latter part of this term and the students would like to support local and national charities by having a 'Christmas Jumper' day on 14th December. This links in with a national fundraising event on that day and means that students and staff can wear a Christmas Jumper to school on that day in place of the top part of their usual uniform. Students may also wish to customise their uniform with Christmas decorations or other accessories related to this festive time of year. As a part of this event students and staff are asked to make a donation to charity.

The donation can take the form of money, suggested donation £2, which will be divided between the charitable organisations: Surviving Christmas, Out of the Blue and the NSPCC. Alternatively donations could be in the form of an item or items of food which will also be donated to Surviving Christmas. Suitable food items for donation include teabags, sugar, coffee, biscuits, breakfast cereal such as Wheat Biscuits, porridge oats, milk – long life cartons, orange Juice – long life cartons, jam or marmalade, dried pasta, pasta sauces – dried or jars, instant mash, dried noodles, soup – tinned, packet soups, vegetables – tinned, tomatoes – tinned or cartons, fruit – tinned, rice pudding – tinned or cartons, custard – tinned or cartons, corned beef – tinned, fish – tinned, baked beans or tinned spaghetti, stacker crisps such as Pringles, chocolate or cakes.

Through this event it is hoped that we can raise much needed funds and useful items for these three charitable organisations and remember those less fortunate at this time of year.

Students not wishing to take part in this event are asked to wear their normal College uniform on that day. Please be aware that all other uniform requirements will be as usual and students who have PE lessons on that day should bring their normal College PE kit.

Uniform:

Please remember to check the College uniform requirements on our website if buying new items of clothing or shoes for school and if you son or daughter is having their hair cut over the Christmas break. Please remember that shoes should be of a traditional design, some shops are selling shoes which are of a design which is akin to a trainer; please be aware that we do not consider these to be allowable in terms of our College uniform. We have had a few incidents recently of students coming to school with hair styles which are not in line with the College rules, please could I ask for

your support in ensuring that styles are in line with our policy. If in doubt please contact your child's Head of House.

Last day of term:

On the last day of this term, 19th December, the College will be closing at 12.15pm; we have contacted our transport providers to ensure that arrangements are in place for those students who use public or College transport. A further letter will be sent to you shortly detailing these arrangements. The canteen will be open as usual for morning break on that day and any students who receive a free school meal should go to the canteen at **morning break** to claim their entitlement, as it will not be open for lunch.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family an enjoyable break at the end of this term, the next term commences on **Thursday 3rd January at 8.55 am**, for all students. The next copy of the newsletter will be published during the final week of term updating parents with news from around the College community.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P Swatton', written in a cursive style.

Mr P Swatton
Principal