11th December 2017

Dear Parent, Carers and Students

As we approach the end of term I would like to take the opportunity to inform you of the events planned before we break up.

Throughout this week students are encouraged to support the Rock FM Christmas Charity appeal, Mission Christmas. Please bring to school a gift suitable for someone up to the age of 18. We shall ensure they are passed to children who otherwise would have nothing this Christmas. Please hand in your gift via your Form Tutor by Friday 15th December.

**Wednesday 20th December**

- Engagement to Learning Trip for a group of Y9/Y10 students to Ascent Trampoline Park periods 4 & 5.

- Music Concert: evening 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Main Reception.

**Thursday 21st December**

- Y10/Y11 rewards film for students periods 4 & 5: watching a film with pop and popcorn provided. This will cost 300 Vivo points.

**Friday 22nd December**

- Non uniform day - we shall not be asking for a contribution to charity.

- P1 and 2 students go to normal lessons except for those in the Disco.

- P3 tutor period.

- Y7/8/9 Christmas Disco period 1 – the cost is 100 Vivo points - Year 7 students without the required number of Vivos will be allowed to buy tickets from Monday 18th December, costing £1. Tickets can be bought from Main Reception.

- School closes for Christmas holiday at 12.30pm. School reopens for the new term at the normal time on Thursday 4th January 2018. Sixth Form lessons will take place in the school on Thursday and Friday that week.

This Christmas also marks the end of my time as Headteacher at the school, after 16 years. It has been a privilege to lead this wonderfully vibrant comprehensive school and, I hope, to have contributed towards the high quality of education and broad range of opportunities it provides. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the thousands of students who, over the last 16 years, have made each day different and whose successes have made the job worthwhile. I would also like to thank parents because without your support the job would have been impossible. Finally, but by no means least, I need to thank my colleagues, the staff, for their dedication, commitment and skill. I hope the school continues to go from strength to strength under the leadership of the new Headteacher, Mr Baker.

Best wishes and Happy Christmas!

Yours faithfully,

P S Wood

Headteacher