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Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of Michaelmas term, and students have responded very positively to the changes in arrangements in school.

The academy will be closed for the Christmas break from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 12.00 noon.

### Return in January

Students in Year 11 & 13 will return to school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January, at 8.25am.

Students in Year 7-10 and 12 will access remote learning via Teams on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January. Please refer to the Head of Year email for more information.

There will be some timetable changes which students will need to be aware of. They will receive their new timetable via email during Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

### Testing

You will be aware that it is recommended that students and their families test twice weekly using Lateral Flow Tests. These are available at local pharmacies or you can order these online. Students have been provided with enough tests until they return in January.

Please refer to the guidance at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus/> for further details on when and how to test.

As mentioned previously the government have advised that students are tested on return to school. Please refer to the Head of Year email for further details of when your child should attend school to undertake this testing.

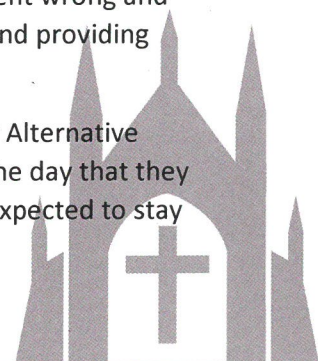
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January    Year 11 & 13, along with Year 7 & 8

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January        Year 9, 10 & 12

### Changes to Culture for Learning

We recognise that giving students and teachers the opportunity to undertake a restorative meeting following a referral to ALC is vital. This allows both parties to meet, discuss what went wrong and move forward positively, enabling the teacher student relationship to be restored and providing students with the understanding that they need to learn and allow others to learn.

In order to facilitate these crucial meetings students who have been referred to our Alternative Learning Classroom students in Year 7-10 will finish their school day at 3.30pm on the day that they have been referred. Students in Year 11 who are referred during the week will be expected to stay on Friday from 2.00-3.00pm.



## Expectation Reminders

We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of our **no devices on school premises** policy, which includes mobile phones, smart watches, airpods etc. We are sure that some of these items will be on many of our students 'wish lists' for Christmas but please remind them that they are not allowed on school site and will be confiscated for a week if seen or heard. We value your support with this.

We would also like to remind you that CJI clothing, our school uniform providers, will be closed over the holiday period from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. However, please be reminded that we will be expecting all students to be returning in full school uniform including school bag and shoes. We would ask you to refer to our Uniform Statement on our website at <https://www.tbowa.org/attachments/download.asp?file=1986&type=pdf> or refer to your child's Academic Planner. Please be aware that if your child is not adhering to these expectations they will either be sent home to rectify the situation or sent to ALC until resolved.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes for a peaceful Christmas.



Paul McKeown  
**Principal**

*Romans 15:13* May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

