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BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL
A Specialist Business and Enterprise College
with Applied Learning
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the Christmas break, after what has been an incredibly busy term, I would like to thank students, staff and parents/guardians for their continued support in everything we do. I am delighted with how well our students have applied themselves in school with regards to their own learning and through supporting school events over the recent months.

Parents Evenings

It was a pleasure to meet with so many of you at the recent Y7, Y10 and Y11 parents' evenings. It was encouraging to hear how well our Year 7 students have settled into secondary school and to see the progress our Year 10 students are making with their new GCSE option subjects. I am also very proud of how hard our Year 11 students are working and engaging with the after school STRIVE revision sessions, as they prepare for the final series of mock exams in January. I look forward to meeting with the parents of our Y8 and Y9 students in the new year.

Podcast library

Please see the links to our podcast library below which provide a whole host of information about the school that I hope you find useful. All podcasts are also available on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIBsYhjZrRU> The SPIRIT values

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Isxm2TXnY34> Meet the PGO's

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvER1H4sraM> Frequently Asked Questions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUuoWoUDzdk> Getting Ready for High School

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Ez7kmYOO7w> Your Child's Mental Health

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Bike safety

The majority of our students who cycle to school, do so safely and courteously. However, a small minority take risks with their safety while cycling. From Monday 24th February, we are launching a Cycling Agreement, and from this date, if your child chooses to cycle to school they must wear a helmet, provided by yourself, and a wristband, which we will supply (chargeable if lost). The roads around school have become busier in recent months, so if you wish to provide your child with a helmet to wear prior to the 'switch date' we would encourage that. After the switch date, helmets and wristbands, as well as a serviceable bike lock, will be mandatory. Details will follow on this plan.

Christmas Celebrations

Well done to the students and staff who were involved in the festive Christmas Concerts, where we were joined by students from St Stephens' Primary School and also the Leigh Community Choir. We were also delighted to welcome the Lottery Winners band into school this week to work with our students and then finish the day with a fantastic and memorable performance.

And finally....

As we prepare for the Christmas break, I would like to draw to your attention to the arrangements detailed below:

- Our final day in school this term is Friday 20th December 2024 and school will close at 12.00pm.
- All buses can collect students at 12.00pm.
- School re-opens to all students on Monday 6th January 2025 at 8.30am.

I do, of course, hope that you are all able to take a break and enjoy some family time together. I look forward to all our students returning, safe and well, in the new year.

Until then, I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully,



Paul McCaffery

Headteacher