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**BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL**  
A Specialist Business and Enterprise College  
with Applied Learning  
Headteacher: Mr P McCaffery



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the Christmas break, after what has been an incredibly busy term, I would like to thank students, staff and parents/carers 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, Y8, 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 February. I look forward to meeting with the parents of our Y9 students in the new year.

### Consultation on School Working Pattern/Term dates 2026-27

There are proposed changes to the School Working Pattern/Term dates for the 2026-27 academically originally proposed by the Wigan Local Authority.

I have included both the original and proposed school calendars for 2026-27 with this letter, and the recommended changes are highlighted in blue.

The consultations on the term dates and holiday patterns may affect parents and carers, so this is your opportunity to comment on the proposed changes by emailing **[parentconsultation2627@bedford.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:parentconsultation2627@bedford.wigan.sch.uk)**

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## **Christmas Celebrations**

Well done to the students and staff who were involved in the festive Christmas Concerts, where we were joined by students from Leigh CE, St Stephen's and Leigh St Mary's Primary Schools.

### **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 19th December 2025 and school will close at 12.30pm.
- All buses can collect students at 12.30pm.
- School re-opens to all students on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 8.30am.
- As students return in the new term, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that they arrive in full school uniform and with the correct equipment for learning in line with our school policies.

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