



20 December 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support during this very long first term. It has been great to end the term with so many of our students enjoying rewards trips and recognition for excellent attendance and attitude to learning.

We are sorry to say goodbye to a number of colleagues this term. It is always difficult to lose wonderful staff but also important to recognise their success in securing promotion so our very best wishes and congratulations go to Miss Austin, Mrs Muldowney, Mr White and Miss Williams.

We are fortunate at Colmers to have recruited fantastic staff to join us in January and look forward to welcoming:

- Mr Wafi, Science (Head of Physics)
- Mr Jingini, Science (Head of Chemistry)
- Mr Moss, Mathematics
- Miss Bromley, Pastoral Support Assistant

**Please note that school is closed to students on Monday January 7th for a training day and opens to students on Tuesday January 8th.**

As always, the safety and well-being of our students is our top priority and I therefore attach a note sent on behalf of Superintendent Ian Green, who has asked local schools to advise parents of the police initiatives to tackle knife crime and work in partnership to help keep our children safe. I hope you are reassured by this initiative, along with all of the work we have done in school to educate and advise our young people on this very important issue.

On a more joyful note, I wish you and yours a relaxing, peaceful and enjoyable break over Christmas and a very happy New Year,

Yours sincerely,

Emma Leaman  
Headteacher



Message sent on behalf of Superintendent Ian Green:

*As part of West Midlands Police's on-going work to tackle knife crime and keep our communities safe, proactive police activity will be taking place in and around bus stops in selected areas of Birmingham over the Christmas period and into the New Year. Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers will engage with members of the community at these locations and this activity may include the use of knife arches and other metal detection equipment to identify weapons possession.*