



28 November 2018

**Calendar Update: Training Day January 7<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Dear Parents / Carers

After a fantastic Presentation Evening last week in which so many of our students were recognised for their tremendous work, we are keeping up the hard work as we enter December. On Monday this week we were delighted to welcome two new parent governors to our Governing Body meeting and I was able to update Governors on the progress we have been making so far this term. I was particularly pleased to report on the progress of our Year 11 and Year 13 exam groups who are showing such early commitment to their studies. I have now shared our school improvement plan with the Governing Body, setting out those key actions we will take on our improvement journey. Our two biggest priorities this year are to improve results and improve attendance – of course, these are closely linked! We have launched an attendance countdown to Christmas and your continued support to make sure your child is here on time every day is much appreciated.

While we are having this big focus on attendance, I hope you will also understand and support a request that I made to our Governors for an additional training day on Monday January 7<sup>th</sup>. This will provide a very important opportunity for staff to receive some additional training as part of our improvement programme. I am confident that the time invested in staff development will pay off for your children for the remainder of the school year and beyond. I appreciate this is a new date for your diaries and if this causes any difficulties, please contact me directly and we will endeavour to find a solution to support you.

School will close at 1pm on Friday December 21<sup>st</sup> and will open to students on Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup> for our usual 8.45 a.m. start.

I have been delighted to hear from parents who have been using the SimsApp that they think it is great! If you do not yet have access this SimsApp for parents, please do go online and download it. You can find your child's school report there as well as a range of information including detentions, attendance and timetable information.

As ever, thank you for your continued support as we work together to achieve great things within and beyond this wonderful school community,

Yours sincerely,

Ms E Leaman  
Headteacher