



December 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians

As Christmas approaches, I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for the end of term. You will already have received separate letters about the Year 7 Carol Service on Tuesday 16 December, and the trips for students in Years 7 to 11 which are taking place on Thursday and Friday, 18 and 19 December.

Christmas lunch is served to students on Wednesday 17 December, tickets for which have already been sold at the canteen.

Our Christmas Concert is at 7pm on Thursday 18 December in the Theatre; all are very welcome at this special event, showcasing the musical talents of individual students, small groups and ensembles.

On the last day of term, Friday 19 December, sixth formers will be allowed to leave school following the end of the Sixth Form Revue in the morning. Students in Years 7 to 11 who are not on trips will have lunch at 12.40pm. The end of term assembly will take place after lunch, and students will be dismissed following this, at about 2.15pm. Buses will run at the usual times; students wishing to stay on at school until 3.30pm should report to the Pastoral Office at the end of the assembly.

We have enjoyed another very busy and successful term at Dane Court, including a hugely popular Open Day for Year 6 students, a real buzz and excitement at our Sixth Form Evening, some stunning Drama performances, success in sporting competitions – with teams from a number of different ages reaching the Kent Cup finals in badminton, futsal and handball – and culminating in the International Food Evening last Thursday. It has been a great pleasure to see so many of you supporting your children and the school at these events; I believe that these extra-curricular events are a vital part of what makes our school special, and I am grateful for the continual dedication of parents and staff that enables them to take place.

Looking ahead to the new year, our term starts on Monday 5 January 2015, and we look forward to welcoming students back after their Christmas break, ready for lessons as usual. May I ask that you support us in ensuring that your children are wearing full and correct uniform in the lower school and are suitably dressed for work in the sixth form.

From January, we hope to improve communication with parents by making better and more regular use of email. This will enable us to ensure that you receive letters, newsletters and other important information more efficiently and quickly. To make this work, we need to be sure that we have an email address on our system that you use on a regular basis. I will contact you again in January to ask for a current email address.

All my colleagues join me in wishing you and your family a happy and restful Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Mr A T Fowler
Head of School