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End of Term Letter from the Headteacher: Christmas 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to you to confirm the end-of-term / start-of-term arrangements as well as give a summary of our work this term. Thank you to the 156 parents that completed our parent Survey earlier in the term. It was fantastic to read that over 90% of parents felt we have high expectations at the school, that their child is doing well here, and is safe and happy. I will be sending out a fuller response to the survey to parents in the new year.

Christmas Food Bank Donations

Many thanks to those families that have generously donated food and non-perishable items, supporting the St Luke's Church, Downham Food Bank this winter. The Resource Base have done a sterling job leading on this.

Resource Base Winners

Following on from their success in the summer, having three students' art work being displayed in the prestigious Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, our students' artwork were selected as National Autistic Society 60th Anniversary Art Competition Winners with their work featuring in the National Autistic Society's anniversary national magazine.

Poetry Winners

Congratulations also to 118 Conisborough students who were selected to be published poets. Earlier in the year they entered the Young Writers' Power of Poetry Competition. Each student wrote a poem which demonstrated poetry's power and was selected and published!

Updates

Governors: We have increased the number of governors on our Governing Board but have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you are interested in being involved with the governors and would like to know more, please contact Victoria Whittle, our Chair of Governors at vwhittle@conisboroughcollege.co.uk.

Parents: We had a fantastic workshop for parents at the start of December on supporting parent mental health. Everyone who attended found the workshop helpful and it was agreed that more workshops should be arranged. I will be in touch further in the new year to outline what these could be.

Date for the diary:

12th January: Year 11 Parents' Evening.

17th January: Unfortunately, due to the snow and train strikes, we have had to postpone our Music concert and PTA Launch Event, from the 13th December to the 17th January at 6pm.

2nd February: Year 9 parents' and Options Evening.

Trips and activities: We have had a number of trips out this half term, including a French trip into central London a Geography field trip and a delegation attended a Teenage Mental Health Conference at St Dunstan's College. We also were treated to two "immersive performances", one on Remembrance Day performing poetry from World War 1 and a performance of "A Christmas Carol". More information about each of these is on the school website.

Finally – please take a look at the wonderful Student Newsletter that is alongside this letter. It is full of tips and activities for the Christmas Holidays. Please take a look – you will not be disappointed! Many thanks to the students and staff who put it together – it is a great credit to themselves and the school.

End of term: Friday 16th December

This is the last day of the Autumn Term and students on site will be dismissed from 12.30pm onwards. This will be a regular uniform day for students.

Goodbye and Good luck

Very sadly, we say goodbye and best wishes to our PCSO, PC Ian White, who has been a welcome presence around the school. We also say farewell to Yeung-Min Duncan who has been with us for the term in Art and to Sandra Codjoe who has been with us for a term in Textiles. We publicly thank them for their hard work and commitment to all our students throughout their time with us.

Start of Spring Term

The school re-opens on Tuesday 3rd January for staff only. This is a staff training day. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform and has an ID badge to help purchase lunch quickly.

Tuesday 3rd January

Staff training day.

Wednesday 4th January


School recommences as usual for Years 7 and 11 with a normal school day starting at 8.30am with full school uniform being worn.

The staff of the school have worked incredibly hard this term to make sure that your child's learning has been completed as well as it could possibly be. You should have received a copy of your child's progress report. If not, please contact Ms Salam at the school.

Thank you for your continued support. With Christmas ahead, and the chance for some much-needed rest, I hope that you and your family have a safe and restful time. We l o o k f o r w a r d t o seeing everyone back in January, well-rested and looking forward to an exciting 2023.

Until then, from all of us here at Conisborough College, we wish you a merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday to you all.

Best wishes,



Dr M Harpham
Headteacher