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Dear parents/carers

I hope that you and your children are looking forward to a well-deserved break over the festive season. This half-term has been very busy with a huge range of activities taking place beyond the usual high-quality lessons across school. This has included mock exams for Year 11 and 13, opportunities to meet with you during parental engagement sessions, a visit from our local MP Steve Yemm and the establishment of our new Student Council.

Student Leadership

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our new Head Students, Jimmy and Freya and our Deputy Head Students, Cameron and Tristan. I am looking forward to working with them, the Senior Student Leadership Team and the Student Council to involve our young people in decisions about the school.

End of term

The final day of term will be Friday 13th December and, as usual, there will be an earlier finish for students who will be dismissed at 12:00. The final day will be a non-uniform day where students are encouraged to wear a Christmas Jumper or red clothing to get in the festive spirit. Students will have the opportunity to purchase food for their lunch during their normal break times.

I would also like to remind you that we have an INSET day on Monday 6th January to allow staff to take part in training sessions. Students are not permitted to attend school on this day. The school will re-open to all students at the usual time of 8:30am on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Food Bank Collection

Instead of making a monetary contribution to wear non-uniform on the last day we are asking that students donate a non-perishable item (e.g. tinned foods, toiletries or long-life sweets/selection boxes) that will be donated to our local Mansfield Food Bank. We want to support local families in need over the Christmas period and this is a way for us to do this as a school community. Students will be able to drop these into the containers as they enter school in the morning.

Uniform reminders

I wanted to remind you of the changes taking effect from **Tuesday 7th January 2025**:

To give you and your child time to make sure you can meet the following expectations we are introducing them from January. I have decided this so that no students are forced to remove earrings or nails that they have spent money on before knowing the rules would be enforced.

- The only jewellery that students should wear is **one small stud in each ear, a watch** (not a smartwatch) and **one plain, simple ring**.
- Students are **not permitted to have painted, acrylic or false nails**. The current false nails that some students choose to wear are a health and safety risk in many of the lessons that they study.



A reminder that our usual uniform rules will continue to be enforced in January. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with the raised standards we have been enforcing. This includes ensuring that the following rules are followed:

- Students should not wear any loose jewellery that could pose a health and safety risk such as **necklaces, hooped earrings** and **bracelets**.
- Students must bring a **school bag** with them that is large enough to carry exercise books and A4 files and should wear a **warm, waterproof coat** when the weather is cold.

In January I will write to you about our uniform consultation that we will be running with parents and students ahead of next academic year.

Finally, I have included our enrichment offer for this academic year on the next page. It has been brilliant to see so many students taking part in these opportunities and I would like to encourage other students to get involved.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Cassidy', written in a cursive style.

Mr P Cassidy
Head Teacher



ENRICHMENT OFFER 2024 2025

All sessions run from 3.10-4.10pm

LRC is open 3-4pm

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
LRC open 3-4pm Ms Fisher	LRC open 3-4pm Ms Willis	LRC open 3-4pm Mr Chamorro
Duolingo Club Ms Rawson	Reading Club Ms Hope and Ms Griffin	Arts Christmas Show preparation Ms Biggs and Mrs Helm
Year 10 Sports Leaders Academy Invite Only	Role playing games club Mr Webster	Felting Club Ms Mitchel and Ms Robinson
Rugby-rubber crumb	Just Dance-Gym	KS3 Y9-7 Boys football-Rubber Crumb
	Girls Football-rubber crumb	
KS4 interventions have been communicated to Year 11 parents separately		
KS4 interventions English, Maths and Science	KS4 interventions History, Geography and Spanish	KS4 interventions options subjects

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