

15 December 2023

RE: End of term

Dear Parent / Carer

As the Autumn term draws to a close and we take the time to enjoy the Christmas festivities, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, on behalf of all the staff at Kings, for your continuous support and contributions.

This week we have had the Church services for each of our Houses. These were wonderful events, and it has been a pleasure to gather and celebrate Christmas. We also brought the whole Academy together today for our end of term assembly, reflecting on the past two terms and recognising the many successes of our young people.

As we reflect on what has been another very busy term, it has been a delight to see so many families walk through the Academy doors to attend events such as Open Evenings for both Lower School and Sixth Form, Parents' Evenings, and Parent Hubs. The engagement from these events has been outstanding, and I hope you found them informative. It has been a great pleasure to witness both the Lower School and Sixth Form students act as advocates for their school and helping at these events, of which I am extremely appreciative.

Our young people incessantly strive to work hard and demonstrate great commitment to their studies. Their passion and enthusiasm for getting involved in any school activity is so refreshing to see. We are extremely proud of each student and the community they create.

Earlier this term, the Academy raised a grand total of over £1400 for Children in Need. Our annual Charities Week, which was organised by our Senior Sixth Form team has been another huge success, and it was astonishing to see so many students and teachers engage in various activities to raise money for our chosen charities; The Space in Cheddar and UNICEF. Charities week, led by our student team, is unique and brings staff and students together and I look forward to informing you of the total raised in the New Year.

Our Sixth Form has continued to go from strength to strength over these past two terms. I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Miss Beacham as Assistant Head Teacher and Head of Sixth Form. Her new role will commence from Wednesday 3 January 2024; we wish her all the best for her new role. Miss Wright will continue her role in ensuring the very best of pastoral care for our Sixth Form students.

Looking forwards, when we return from the Christmas Holidays, we embark on a busy start to Term 3. As always, there will be house events, open evenings, activities, and educational school trips on the horizon as well as the start of some external examinations and preparation for the spring and summer. I look forward to seeing many of you over the coming weeks and months.

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We should also be reminded that although Christmas time is a jolly season; some do struggle at this time of year, so it is important that we support each other and help support our community. Kings Academy is part of your local community, and we are here to support all our students and their families. Please click [here](#) to find more information for support helplines.

As a reminder, the Main Office emails will be check periodically from **Monday 18 to Wednesday 20 December**. The Office will then be closed until **Thursday 4 January 2024**. Furthermore, please be reminded that **Wednesday 3 January** is a staff INSET day.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the whole staff body here at Kings Academy, to wish you and your family a joyful and well rested festive break. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing our young people return in the new year, on **Thursday 4 January 2024**.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher