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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: End of Term Letter – Christmas 2022**

I would like to thank you for your continued support, we have had a fantastic term and I am so proud of our achievements. If you haven't already done so, I urge you to look at our social media pages on Twitter and Facebook. This provides a real insight into the daily life at Copley Academy and the fantastic opportunities your child has been involved in as well as the many rewards that students have achieved.

Please read through the information below so you are fully informed about the end of this term, the start back after the holiday, and other useful messages.

**Final Day Arrangements**

The end of term for Copley Academy is Friday 16th December 2022. The Academy Day will be slightly different, and students will be finishing at 12.20pm on that day. Students will be expected to wear full school uniform. For students who have free school meals, they will be able to collect their lunch during the break service. If you have any issues regarding an earlier finish, please contact [mail@copleyacademy.org.uk](mailto:mail@copleyacademy.org.uk).

**Tameside Toy Appeal**

Following our recent messages about supporting other families through the Tameside Toy Appeal, donations should be brought into the Academy by Friday 9th December 2022. Alternatively, you can donate by visiting the Tameside Toy Appeal Just Giving page. Thank you to everyone who has already supported other families in Tameside who are facing a challenging time this Christmas.

Link: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Tamesidetoyappeal2022>

**Adverse Weather**

Over the next couple of months, the weather will be cold, please ensure your child brings a coat to school with them every day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that during periods of adverse weather such as snowfall, we will keep parents/carers updated of any disruption to the Academy opening arrangements on our website, by text message and our social media channels.

**Staying Safe**

Mr O'Brien will be delivering some key messages to students in assemblies about staying safe during the Christmas break. Please take time to speak with your child about keeping safe whilst off school.

**Return Information**

Students will return to the Academy on Wednesday 4th January 2023. Students will be expected to return at the normal time and be in their Tutor Room by 8.40am. Please ensure your child arrives in full uniform with the correct equipment.

The student entrance opens daily at 8.00am and students can access breakfast club where they can purchase hot snacks and drinks from the canteen.

### **Attendance**

Please can I take this opportunity to ask you for your support in improving whole school attendance and punctuality. The impact upon children's education through lost learning is huge. Following a time when education has been disrupted, it is vital that we make every school minute count. I urge you to ensure that your child is in the Academy on time every day to prevent anyone falling behind with their learning.

### **Key Dates for Next Half Term**

Please find below a list of key dates for next half term.

- Wednesday 04.01.2022, 8.30am for 8.40am start – Start of New Term
- Thursday 12.01.2022, 4pm to 7pm – Year 9 Options Evening
- Thursday 19.01.2022, 4pm to 7pm – Year 9 Parent/Carers' Evening (virtual)
- Thursday 09.02.2022, 4pm to 7pm – Year 8 Parent/Carers' Evening (virtual)
- Week commencing 13.02.2022 – Year 11 Mock Examinations
- Friday 17.02.2022, 2.50pm – End of Half Term

On behalf of all the staff and students at Copley, I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year! I'm looking forward to welcoming students back in January, fully focussed and ready to engage with their learning.

Take care.

Yours faithfully,



**Ruth Craven**  
**Principal**