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Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday was the third Sunday of Advent, the third candle has been lit on our advent wreath, symbolising joy. We are fast approaching Christmas and this is the start of the last week of this term. As normal, I will send out our termly newsletter later in the week with examples of the amazing achievements of this term.

The highlight of the week on Friday will be our Advent services. A representative from the Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank will be at the services to speak to students about their work as well as to receive the donations from our Advent appeal. Thank you for your efforts in helping to support this. Students may wear Christmas and festive jumpers with a £1 donation which will go to Father Hudson's Charity.

On Friday, school will finish for the end of term school at 1.20pm for year 7, year 8 & 9 students which finish at 1:25pm, and year 10 and 11 students will finish at 1:30pm.

In light of the recent government announcements regarding Covid, it is imperative that your son/daughter brings a face covering to school and wears it in communal spaces. When we return to school on Tuesday 4th January, the current government plan is that students will have one Lateral Flow Test upon returning to school. Following this, students will return to the twice weekly at home testing. Testing remains voluntary but strongly encouraged.

In order to meet this guidance, we are planning to test all students on Tuesday 4th January who have parental permission. However, to facilitate this we will have a staggered start to the term.

Sixth Form students can arrive from 8.45am and go straight to the gym for their tests.

Year 7-9 should arrive as normal and testing will take place in the morning.

Year 10 and 11 students should arrive for 11.30am but no earlier than 11.15am and go straight to the hall.

Thank you for your continued support and look out for the end of term newsletter and Christmas video which are both coming out later in the week.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Rayner
Headteacher