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Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday was the second Sunday of Advent, the second candle has been lit on our advent wreath, symbolising faith. We are also at the start of the penultimate week of term and I am conscious of the fast approaching Christmas break. Can I ask that you ensure that your son/daughter brings a face covering to school and wears it in communal spaces.

As you know, we are supporting the Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank throughout advent and putting our faith into action by bringing donations into school. A representative from the Foodbank will be in school on the last day of term to speak to students about their work and receive the donations. Thank you for your support.

I wanted to give you some advance warning of the arrangements for the last week of term (13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December):

- From Monday to Thursday, students in Years 7-10 will attend their normal lessons.
- On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Christmas lunch will be available from the canteen.
- On Tuesday we will host our Christmas Concert at 5.30pm. I am really looking forward to this evening and witnessing the talents of our students. Due to restrictions – face coverings should be worn by those attending.
- Year 11 will have a GCSE Focus week, including officially receiving their mock results on Monday. On Monday, we will have an Open Basket day, Tuesday will be an English day, Wednesday will be focussed on Humanities, Thursday will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Basket day and Friday will be an enrichment day in line with rest of the school.
- On Friday, we will have our Advent services. Students may wear Christmas and festive jumpers with a £1 donation which will be to Father Hudson's Charity. This is our national charity this year, with the local charity being the Foodbank and the international charity being Cafod. At the end of the Advent service, students will also get to watch this year's Christmas video.
- During the rest of Friday, students will be based solely in forms, working on enrichment curriculum content.
- On Friday, school will finish for the end of term at 1.20pm for year 7, year 8 & 9 students will finish at 1:25pm and year 10 and 11 students at 1:30pm.

I have had a number of concerns raised by local residents about parking at the front of school. Please be considerate to our neighbours by parking legally and not in front of driveways. Please consider alternative forms of transport to the car and if using a car, please consider dropping students a 5 or 10 minute walk from school.

We return to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January and I will send further details next week.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely



Mr M Rayner  
Headteacher