



5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers

### **Principals' December Update**

It is December already and with only two weeks of term remaining, we would like to share details of our plans for the festive season.

### **Christmas Concert – Thursday 8th December 2022**

It is with great pleasure that we invite you all to our Christmas Concert on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm in the Main Hall. Tickets are on sale from the Creative Arts Base at £3 for adults and £2 for children. We hope you will come along and enjoy the amazing talent of our Minsthorpe students from Years 7 – 13 in a variety of musical performances.

### **Collection for Local Food Bank Underway**

Following the success of previous years, the College is collecting a range of non-perishable items for the Westfield Centre Food Bank in South Elmsall. Collection boxes are in the Main Reception for students to drop off their contributions to the collection each morning. This is voluntary and only if families are able to do so, but your generosity is always gratefully appreciated by the Food Bank.

### **Normal curriculum until the End of Term**

Lessons will continue as normal until the close of College at 2.30pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December Year 11 students are sitting their mock exams in the final two weeks of term.

### **Celebration Assemblies and Cinema Events**

Each year group will have a celebration assembly with their Cross Curriculum Team Leader when students' successes will be celebrated. In addition, students who have met the College's expectations in terms of BE FAIR behaviour and good attendance will be invited to watch a film in the Main Hall during the last week of term.

### **Non-Uniform Day – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Students may attend College in non-uniform on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If students wish to wear a Christmas jumper, they may, but any (warm) casual clothing is acceptable. We are asking students to donate £1 which will be shared between our students' chosen charities and future student reward activities. Students may wish to donate to the food bank on this day too. All donations (money or food) will be collected on the gate.

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### Christmas Holiday Closure

We will finish for Christmas at our usual finish times on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December:

Years 7 & 8: 2:25pm

Years 9, 10, 11 and Post 16: 2:30pm

College will reopen as usual on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support for your child's education this term. We continue to be impressed with the Motivation, Commitment and Care shown by everyone involved with the College.

We wish you an enjoyable Christmas with your loved ones.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Gilmore  
Principal

Mrs R.A. Merritt  
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