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# Principals' newsletter:

As we near the end of term, we are writing to give you important information regarding upcoming dates and also to keep you in touch with events in school. Firstly, we would like to extend our thanks to all of you for your support during 2020. It has been a year that has presented many new challenges, how our students have responded to the changes in routine and the 'new normal' has been a great source of pride to us. As Christmas approaches, school is busy with end of term arrangements and planning for next year. Set out below are a few of the important dates that affect different members of our school community:

### Sixth Form Microsite:

We are looking forward to the launch of our virtual Open Evening and the launch of our new 'Sixth Form microsite' which will go live on our main school website from 6:00pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. On the site you will find everything you need to know about Sixth Form and how to apply.

# **Sixth Form Applications:**

Applications for Sixth Form are now open, however there will be much more information being given to Year 11 over the coming weeks about subject options. Students may want to download the option form from the website to start thinking about the subjects they could study in sixth form.

### Year Eleven Interviews:

Year 11 interviews will commence this week. This will involve a one to one interview with each member of Year 11 to talk about their future plans and to give impartial advice on suitable study/career options.







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# Christmas Mufti Day: 15th December:

On this day we will be encouraging our students to come in non-uniform with a festive theme. We will be pleased to see students in Christmas jumpers or other items of Christmas clothing, but this is not a fancy-dress day so Christmas costumes or 'onesies' will not be allowed and all clothing should be suitable to wear in a school environment. We will ask students to donate £1:00, or 50 pence if more than one of your children attend the academy, to our chosen Christmas Charity which will be 'Lancashire Mind', who work in promoting approaches to mental wellbeing and helping those experiencing problems with mental health.

### **Christmas Musical Event:**

Please look out for the launch of Morecambe Bay Academy's virtual Christmas singalong. More details will be announced early next week. We hope you enjoy it as much as the students and staff enjoyed participating in it.

## **Christmas Work Packs Year 11 and 13:**

All Year 11 and 13 students will be given an individualised work pack for over the Christmas holidays. Please encourage your son/daughter to take some time away from the festivities to complete the activities.

### **Grade Cards:**

Grade cards will be issued for the following years at the end of term: Y11, Y10, Y9

## **School Closure:**

School will close for the Christmas break straight after registration at 1:15pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. School will reopen on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

## January 2021

## **Vocational Examinations:**

External examinations for vocational subjects commence in January. Students will have received a timetable and a copy is available on the school website.





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# Year Eleven Parents' Evening:

This will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. This event will be held remotely and further detailed guidance about this will be sent out later this week. We encourage as many of you as possible to make appointments to discuss how you can help your child in the run up to the GCSE examinations in the summer.

#### Year 13 Mock Examinations:

Year 13 mock examinations take place the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> January and will last throughout the week. The examination timetable is on the school website and students will have their individual copies of their timetables. When not in examinations normal lessons will continue.

## Sixth Form Taster Day:

This will take place on January 27<sup>th</sup> 2021 and will give our Year 11 students an opportunity to experience a day in Sixth Form. More details will follow in January.

### Social Media:

Please remember to keep checking out our Facebook and Instagram posts to gain a picture of current events in school.

We hope this overview has been helpful for you, if you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact school and we will do our best to help. Once again, thank you to everyone who has supported the academy during 2020. We extend our sincere wishes to you and all your families for a very safe and enjoyable Christmas

Kind Regards for a very happy Christmas,

Heather McClurg and John Cowper (Acting Co -Principals)

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