



14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of what seems a very long term and we look back at the past few months, much has been achieved and I thank you for your support. This has included the successful introduction of prep time, allowing the boys to complete homework and time to spend with form tutors. The leadership of the school continues to work hard to ensure that the post OFSTED action plan is in place and we will continue to update you on this aspect of school life during the year. Staff have also been working on revised schemes of work and assessments to ensure that your son makes rapid progress. It was good to meet with parents on 'First Friday' to discuss the OFSTED Report. We are grateful to the local primary schools for their continued support of the school, Governors and staff, the local authority and that of the Diocese of Westminster.

The school continues to be a thriving community with trips and visits to a wide range of destinations, including to Auschwitz as well as the recognition of Armistice Day on 11th November where wreaths were laid by the school from past and present pupils, staff and governors. Attendance of boys continues to be outstanding, above the Islington, London and National attendance figure at 97%.

Although we are incredibly proud of all of these achievements, what is of the greatest pleasure is the way in which young people take to their hearts the true meaning of Advent. The boys live out daily the values of the school in the way they relate to each other and staff, embedded in the Advent Candle of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. They do so in a world where often it is the commercialism of Christmas that is the focus.

This Christmas we have been campaigning to raise awareness of the very real poverty that exists in our midst and have raised funds for hampers for those in need in our local community as well and the homeless charity, The Passage. We are impressed at the generosity of the school community in raising funds for these and other charities such as HCPT, The Passage and St Gabriel's. This demonstrates the commitment of the school to ensuring that learning is not always about progress, important though this is, but also the importance of nurturing commitment to social justice for all. There is a charge for participation in non-uniform day of £1 for each child which will be donated to charity.

We look forward to seeing you at the Carol Service at St Joseph's Church Highgate, on 18<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm. The term ends on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 12.40pm, and reopens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 as normal.**

Can we remind parents that only black outdoor coats are permitted.

Please take note of the following upcoming key dates.

Event	Date
Carol Service	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Non uniform Day Students Christmas Lunch (Menu includes Halal Turkey)	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
End of Autumn Term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December
Start of Spring Term	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
Ski Trip Information Evening	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 – 5.00pm to 6.00pm
Year 12 Parents Evening	Thursday 24 January 2019 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm
Upcoming INSET Day	Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February

We wish you all a happy and Holy Christmas and I look forward to meeting with you in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

**Ms J Heffernan**  
Executive Headteacher

**Mr English**  
Associate Headteacher