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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope my letter finds you and yours well.

We finish this Friday at 2:30pm for the Christmas holidays, after a busy and successful term. School returns for everyone from **8:50am on Monday, 6th of January 2025**.

S4-S6 Prelim Results

All marking, quality assurance and checks of prelim papers will conclude during the first week of the new term. As such, young people in S4, S5 and S6 will receive their prelim exams results certificate week beginning 13th of January 2025.

I will meet with Year Heads and Subject Leaders in early January to review the prelim results and to begin the processes around confirmation of SQA presentation levels – this is normally confirmed by late February and communicated to the SQA in March.

Our young people will begin to receive focused feedback to support their learning from the first week of the new term (whole-class feedback) and from prelim results day onwards (individual/targeted feedback as applicable).

Please contact your child's Pupil Support Teacher if you wish to discuss your child's progress. We are happy to help.

S1-S2 Tracking Reports

The second tracking report for S1 and S2 pupils is due out just after the Christmas break; this will include, for the first time, specific information about *how* the tracking decision was made by your child's teachers. I will be interested to hear your views on how useful this information is so please look out for a survey in follow-up to help you let me know what you think.

Parent Council

At our last Parent Council meeting, I was delighted that we were able to recruit some new members. You will recall I have said before that many of our long-standing members have now moved on as their children have left school. It was lovely to see new parents/carers joining. Remember, no experience is necessary, you need not commit beyond what you are able to, and everyone is very welcome. If you are interested, please get in touch.

School Uniform

We have worked so hard as a school community, supported by our Parent Council and by all parents and carers, to make huge improvements to the standards of uniform in our school. The improvement has been tremendous, but we can do more to ensure 100% consistency.

I appreciate that the cost-of-living crisis places demands on everyone at present – school uniform helps to mitigate some of these challenges. I know I refer to this often – this is because I feel and can see every day that it is a significant part of our school ethos, and it helps to make our school safer and more equitable.

A reminder that branded jumpers, hoodies, sports leggings, and coloured trainers are not part of our school uniform; please do not purchase coloured Converse or Adidas (or equivalent) trainers *for school* over the festive period. Should anyone need assistance with aspects of school uniform, please get in touch. We can and will help. No problem.

End of Term Newsletter

You will receive a link to our end of term newsletter later this week; as before, this has been created using Microsoft *Sway* – there have been millions of things happening across our school this term and this will be a snapshot of what has been going on. I hope you enjoy it!

I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout this session. Our young people have been outstanding. This does not happen without you – so thank you!

I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas, and a safe, healthy, and happy New Year.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning or wellbeing. We are always happy to help.

Kind regards and Merry Christmas,

Brian McDermott
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