



END OF TERM LETTER TO NEWSOME FAMILIES

As we are near the end of term one of three and indeed the Christmas period, I write to wish our families a lovely festive period and thank you for being the lovely and supportive families that form our special and successful community. One which I am eternally grateful to be part of and feel privileged on a daily basis to be the Headteacher of. Newsome Academy is a magical place where magical things happen. As you will already know, Newsome Academy had an extremely positive recognition from Ofsted in our recent inspection in February of this year. Whilst many schools may think 'we got there!', we are thinking 'how do we further improve?'. With this in mind, you will see a gear-shift in terms of challenge to further improve – both in the Academy and the responsibilities at home. I make no apologies if there is a sense of pressure in terms of fully taking advantage of the extensive range of 'out of school hours' opportunities we provide and 'over communicating' these on a daily/weekly basis

Communication

- Families will see a further shift in communication from January. You already enjoy the (uncommon in many schools) weekly communication directly from the Headteacher, but we draw your attention to the reminders of the calendared events that will be 'asking key questions' of us all. These will add our combined responsibilities in ensuring our children achieve 'their very best'.

Family Survey

- If you have not completed our Family Survey please take a few moments to! Please [click here](#) to take this and play an active part in your child's education.

Staffing Updates

- Mrs Berry has been appointed in the recruitment of Senior Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Berry will add further capacity and thinking to the Senior Team and will bring a wealth of experience including working in a variety of Senior Teams in a range of schools. Her roles and experience include all levels of curriculum, middle and Senior Leadership - including Headship, that will further add to the already superb Senior Team who have directly helped us fight tooth and nail to achieve last year's well-deserved Ofsted judgement over the last 8 years.

End of Term/Start of Term Arrangements

- Students finish school at 12:30pm on Friday 20th December** for all students.
- Arrangements are in place to cater for these older siblings until the usual finish time of 3pm. Those students that have siblings at Newsome Junior School should not leave early and wait outside the school.** Students that have siblings at Newsome Junior Academy should not leave and wait outside the Junior School.
- Students will return to school in January on Tuesday 7th January** at the normal school times.

I and my team wish you and your families the very best well-wishes and again thank you for your parts in making our learning community the 'exceptional' Academy that it is.



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