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Dear parents, carers and students,

Re: End of Term Letter

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Term 1 Achievements

As we approach the end of an extremely successful term, I wanted to reflect upon the many individual and collective achievements of our students. Whilst our students continue to achieve magnificently well in the classroom, as you will see below, there have also been a range of achievements that have taken place outside of the classroom:

- Within our first Assessment Point cycle, over 97% of our students in Years 7 – 11 have Attitude to Learning only containing 3s and 4s!
- Over 60% of our students have attended a wider-curriculum activity (with Chess Club and Football proving to be the most popular!) this is a remarkable achievement from our students and evidences their commitment to pursuing their passions.
- Our student voice and Student Leadership teams have already had an impact – with changes to the Personal Development Curriculum, school dinner menu and an enhanced awareness of Equality and Diversity by all within our school community.

Over the course of next week each Head of Year will be running a Celebration Assembly, where we will take a moment to praise and celebrate our fantastic students!

What else is happening next week?

Monday 12 th December	Year 13 PPEs continue Christmas Concert
Tuesday 13 th December	Year 11 York Christmas market visit
Wednesday 14 th December	Post 16 lessons finish after Period 4 Whole school Christmas dinner
Thursday 15 th December	Year 11 – Post 16 Personal Development Day (non-uniform for Year 11 only) Year 7 – trip to “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”
Friday 16 th December	Non-uniform day School closes at 12:15 p.m.

Bus services on Friday 16th December: Please note that the Arriva 97S Service to Byram have advised that they are not able to collect students early on this date.

We are awaiting an update from the 492 service bus but if we do not receive this, we will enable students who get this service to leave in time to catch the 12.05pm service that collects from the crossroads in the village.

All other buses will arrive at 12pm on this date.

Lost Property

Any items in Lost Property will be donated to charity at the end of term. If your child has lost an item, please ask them to have a look in Student Reception at break or lunchtime.

Key Dates for Half Term 3

I have provided some key dates below. Please be reassured that further communication regarding each event will follow in due course.

Tuesday 3rd January	School re-opens for all students
Wednesday 11th January	Year 11 Progress Evening (face to face event)
Wednesday 25th January	UCAS deadline
Tuesday 31st January	Year 9 Progress Evening (face to face event)
Friday 10th February	School closed to students – STAR MAT Training Day

Wellbeing and Safeguarding over the Christmas Holidays

Whilst for many, the Christmas holidays is a time of joy and celebration we also know that it can be an extremely stressful time for young people and their families. If you feel in need of any support, please do reach out to one of the organisations below and remember that you can also communicate with us, via our Tell Us function on the school website (under the safeguarding tab).

Parents and carers may also find the attached information from North Yorkshire Police helpful.

Lifelines

- *The NSPCC* are here to help 24/7 and children can call their Childline number on 0800 1111
- *Help for adults* concerned about a child can call 0808 800 5000
- *Shout* is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text 85258

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers for their support over the course of this academic year so far. I firmly believe that working as a community of staff, students and parents/carers, we have achieved amazing things over the course of the Autumn Term, and I look forward to seeing what we can achieve together in 2023.

I hope you have an enjoyable, restful and safe holiday and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Yours faithfully,

Miriam Oakley
Headteacher