

24 November 2022

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

It is hard to believe that the Autumn Term is drawing to a close and that we're preparing for the traditional annual events and celebration assemblies that bring festive cheer to mark the end of the year.

As always, our students have been out and about and having fun. They've visited Buddhist temples, Whitechapel, the National Archives and Baylab. They've been to Italy, Chinatown and been covered in mud in fieldwork. They've been team building, planning work experience and spending Saturdays rehearsing for Romeo and Juliet. Oh, and they've played at The Royal Albert Hall... to mention but a few. I'd like to thank parents and carers for your support and, also the staff who give generously of their own time, away from their own families, to provide our young people with such life-enriching opportunities.

**End of Term Arrangements** 

The term ends on **Friday 16 December** at **12:30pm**. Buses will depart by 12:35pm. Food will be served at breakfast and at morning break.

**Next Term** 

The Spring Term begins on **Tuesday 3 January** at 8:35am. The half term break is from Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February. There is an INSET Day on Monday 20 February, so the students will return on Tuesday 21 February.

I would like to remind you that any uniform purchases over the holidays should be fully in line with our school uniform policies in order to help maintain our high standards.

I'm sure you are eagerly awaiting the Christmas break and so I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a new year filled with much joy and happiness.

Finally, I would like to thank our whole community for supporting me in my first term as the Head of this fabulous school. Your support and kind words have been very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Portas Headmaster