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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head into this festive holiday period, I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I wanted to thank you for your ongoing commitment to our school and being part of our journey. Whether it is attending Parents' Evenings, Parent Revision Workshops or participating in the Parent Forum Meetings, your support continues to enrich our school community.

As I have shared before, I believe in transparency with you as we continue this journey of improvement at Handsworth Grange. We continue to make rapid progress with our school improvement plan. We have hosted several external visitors this term as part of our school development journey, this has included serving Ofsted Inspectors who have commented positively on the changes to our school community. I always ask our staff and students to reflect on what we have achieved in the last 12 months, whilst looking back at how far we have come. I am incredibly proud to serve as the Headteacher of this school and our community, and I can assure you, I remain acutely aware of what we must continue to drive forward when we return in January; we will continue to do this with enthusiasm, dedication, and optimism.

Last day of term – Friday 20th December

School will finish on Friday 20th December at 1.00pm. Students will have an extended Tutor Time from 12.30pm – 1.00pm, if they wish to stay for lunch, this will be available from 1.00pm – 1.30pm. To ensure we have the lunch provision for those students who wish to access it, I would kindly ask that you complete the quick survey below. This will enable us to assess numbers and in turn, the required food for the day; if they are not staying for lunch, you will not need to complete the attached form.

The deadline for the form will be Monday 16th December at 3.00pm.

<https://forms.office.com/e/8baYaeHw7H>

We will be having our Christmas Jumper day on the 20th December, with a voluntary contribution of £1 that will be collected during morning Tutor Time. The money raised will be donated to the Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood charity in memory of our much-loved student Manny who we tragically lost this year.



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He always remains in our hearts, and we would like to ensure the money we raise this year goes to support others.

Return to School – 6 January 2025

Student's will be expected back in school on Monday 6th January at 8.35am to start lessons as normal.

A reminder of our uniform expectations can be found on our website. Students who arrive in incorrect uniform will be asked to change their clothes using supplies from our Uniform Room. Please note that leggings are not permitted in school, all students are expected to wear a blazer and a tie.

<https://hgsc.co.uk/parents/uniform>

Our school day starts at 8.35am and our students are expected to be in their form room for 8.40am. Any student who arrives after 8.40am will register in our Late Room and will be issued with a same day 20-minute detention. Punctuality and attendance are vital skills for all our students to learn, please support your child by promoting arriving to school on time, every day. There is a clear link to attendance and attainment, simply put, children who have attendance of above 95%, attain better. If you have any questions or concerns, please use the guidance on our website, or contact our dedicated Attendance Team at school.

<https://hgsc.co.uk/parents/attendance-and-holidays>

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you all as we move forward with our school improvement journey into 2025. Thank you once again for your support. I wish you all a peaceful and relaxing holiday break with family and friends and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely

Suzy Mattock
Headteacher



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