

20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are rapidly approaching the end of the term and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support this year.

This has been a very successful term for everyone associated with the school. Our Culture Day in October, Christ the King Day in November and our Christmas Lunch served by the Bishop of Lichfield were particular highlights when on all occasions the school community celebrated the diversity and distinctive ethos and values of The King's.

If you are one of our 1500 or more followers on Twitter and Facebook you will also have hopefully seen the full range of enrichment activities and trips that have taken place this term including visits to Kenilworth Castle, The Globe Theatre, and our Enterprise Team competing in the Enterprise Challenge finals at Wembley. We have also been fortunate enough to have inspirational speakers delivering training programmes to our pupils from a range of organisations such as Premier League Kicks, Engage Trust UK, various apprenticeship providers and the RAF Cadets to mention just a few. Our pupils have been working hard in their extracurricular activities with over 50 pupils achieving their Bronze Award in Duke of Edinburgh, Nathaniel in year 13 securing a place on the Professional Policing course at Stafford University and Samuel in year 10 winning a bronze medal in his International Karate Championships.

Our staff have been equally busy with Mr Wust receiving a plaque for Inspirational Teaching of Business Studies and the Maths department receiving The Prince's Teaching Institute Subject Leadership Mark. We were also very honoured and proud to have an article, celebrating our strong focus on careers education, published in the Sunday Times.

Our Y11 and 13 pupils have just completed their mock exams and their conduct and application during this challenging time has been exemplary – the best we have ever seen. For Year 11 pupils we have just introduced 'Hegarty Maths' which will allow them to access maths tuition on line from their computer or mobile device. If your child is currently in Year 11 hopefully you will see them using this on many occasions in order to raise their grade in maths. School life is about so much more than exams however there is no escaping the fact that success in exams is really important to every one of our pupils and the qualifications they gain are the springboard that they need to build a successful future. I know that Year 11 pupils studying BTEC qualifications have some external examinations in January and so will be studying hard over the Christmas period. We wish them all the best with this

I am very grateful to everyone involved in our 'Parent Teacher Partnership' who hosted the Christmas Fayre as their first event and raised £174.98 for the school. They are meeting again on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Cute Coffee Lounge, Tettenhall Wood around 11.00am, and would welcome other parents to join.

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Just a reminder too that we break up for Christmas on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December and pupils will be leaving at 12.00pm. There will be no school buses at this time so please ensure that your child is able to make alternative arrangements for getting home, possibly using the public number 1 bus.


We have had an excellent build up to the end of term with our Christmas concert, our senior citizens' Christmas lunch, Christmas lunch for our pupils and finally our Christmas services. Additionally, this year, Year 7 have taken part in a separate Christingle service and Year 8 pupils took part in an advent Eucharist service led by Revd Richard Reeve. All of the services were very special and really brought home the true meaning of Christmas.

It is always sad at the end of term to be saying goodbye to a few of our colleagues here in school. We are saying goodbye to Mr Aston in maths and Miss Afzal in English. We wish these members of staff the very best for the future and thank them for what they have done to enhance the school throughout the time that they have been with us. We look forward to welcoming a new colleague, Miss Ali, who will be teaching English.

I want to wish all of our parents, carers and families the very best for a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all again when term starts (for pupils) on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. R. U.' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Ludlow  
Principal