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Dear parents

As we approach the end of term, I want to thank you for your continued support of the school - in attending events, completing the parent surveys, supporting your children's engagement in activities and particularly in encouraging their attendance to school. I am pleased to report that our attendance continues to be an improvement on last year's and long may it continue.

With regards to events, the end of term is naturally one of our busiest times and the following are still to come:

- Our annual musical production, this year *Sister Act Junior*, takes place **tonight and tomorrow** in our school hall - **doors open at 6pm** for a 6.30pm show start
- We are delighted to be hosting the WNAT English Spelling Bee final on Friday 12 December in the morning
- **Tuesday 16 December, starting at 6pm** (doors open at 5.45pm) is our Christmas Concert at Hunstanton Town Hall
- **Wednesday 17 December** is our annual Christmas Jumper Day to coincide with Christmas lunch - this year again charged at our daily Meal Deal price of £2.40
- **Thursday 18 December, Year 8s** travel to The Hippodrome Christmas Spectacular in Great Yarmouth
- **Friday 19 December, Year 7s** support our local Princess Theatre's Panto

We also break up for the Christmas holiday on 19 December, with students returning to school on **Tuesday 6 January 2026**.

Advanced notice of some early events with our **Year 9 Preferences** launch on **Monday 12 January** and **Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 15 January** before we get into the second round of Year 11 PPE exams beginning with French and German mock orals in the week beginning 19 January and the written exams beginning on Monday 26 January for 3 weeks.

Christmas Jumper Day

This will be normal uniform but with the option to replace the school Blazer/jumper with a Christmas-themed jumper (home-decorated are not only welcomed but are encouraged, as well as any purchased Christmas jumpers). There will be buckets on the gate and an MCAS link to make an optional £1 donation towards *Save the Children's* Christmas Jumper Day appeal.

Mobile phones

Can I please remind parents that our student mobile phone rules remain 'on site - out of sight' - if you need to contact your child during the school day, you should do so via the Main Office or



your child's pastoral manager (Mrs Collins or Miss Green). Likewise, your child should use these routes to contact you if they feel unwell or need to speak to you. Students being collected to go home who have not followed expected channels will continue to be logged as unauthorised absence. We will continue to confiscate phones seen during the school day and, going forward, if we are made aware of students using their phone during the school day we will require them to hand their phone to Reception at the start of the school day and collect it at the end of the day.

Thank you for helping us to keep all your children safe in school.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming events but I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and happy holiday season.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Gibbins
Headteacher