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Dear Parents/Carers,

Here at Newark Academy, we have ended our week on a real high following our annual Christmas Concert. I have personally been blown away by the musical talents of our students as well as the discipline and resilience they have displayed through weeks of preparation and practice prior to their final performance.

This week, we have also hosted a Family Forum meeting where Mr Brown, Mr Athey and Miss Elsey presented our KS3 assessment and reporting strategy. We were very pleased with the feedback and encouragement we received from our parents. I would like to thank all the parents/carers who attended; your commitment and investment in your children's education is remarkable. The next Family Forum will take place in the new year when we will focus on rewards. We will send invitations and details about this meeting in future communications.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our Year 11 parents and students to the Parent/Student Revision Workshop on Thursday 14th December from 5.15pm - 7.10pm. At this event we will be introducing the 'Newark Academy Revision Strategy' so you can gain an insight into how your child is being supported to set up and then follow their revision programme before the next round of mock exams in January.

Next week is our final week of term and will be our first **Raising and Giving Week**. This has been organised by our Student Parliament with the aim of raising money and awareness for chosen charities. Below is information on the range of events and activities that will take place throughout the course of this RAG week.

Firstly, there will be a Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term and we welcome students to donate a £1 to raise money for Save the Children, a very worthy cause. Please note, if students choose to wear a Christmas Jumper, then they do not need their blazer but must wear their shirt and tie underneath the jumper in case they get too hot later in the day.

Most RAG week activities range from 20p -50p to take part and all proceeds will go to the Macmillan Cancer Trust. For example:

- Send a Candy Cane! At breaktimes students can purchase a candy cane for 25p and send a festive message to a friend for it to be delivered on the final two days of term during Crew.
- Christmas Bake Sale
- Guess the Baby: Can you guess who the teacher is from a baby photo?
- Raffle Ticket Sales
- Lip Sync Battle
- Christmas Photo Booth: 50p Entry
- Raffle Draw
- Hot Chocolate Sales (NA6 Only)

During the last week we will also hold our final GREAT Rewards Assemblies of 2023 where we aim to end the term with a celebration and acknowledgment of the amazing work undertaken by students.

Arrangements for the Last Day of Term

Please note that we will have an **earlier finish** on Friday 15th December.

- Lessons will continue as normal throughout the day.
- KS3 students will leave at 12:45.
- KS4 and KS5 students will leave at 12:40.
- Lunch arrangements:
 - KS3 students will have their lunch at their usual time of 11:50.
 - KS4 and KS5 students can pick a 'grab and go' lunch if they wish on their way out.
 - The school bus 683 to Farndon (Tiger European) will be rescheduled and will leave the school site at 1pm. The community buses (Stagecoach) cannot be rescheduled, so students who use No. 2 Winthorpe will need to catch the Stagecoach service 3 outside Lidl and transfer to service 2 at Newark bus station. Students who use the 686 Barnby in the Willows service (including Sleaford Road, Beacon Hill Road, Beacon Heights and Coddington) will be required to make alternative travel arrangements. If this presents any issues to families please do get in touch and we will do what we can to support.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

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