



EMMANUEL COLLEGE
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

Dear Parents and Carers

We are approaching the end of term now, with just two weeks to go. There remains a series of exciting events to anticipate.

We are all looking forward to the **Carol Service** at The Glass House tomorrow evening. This is a wonderful showcase of Emmanuel's musical and performance talent, as well as an opportunity for staff, students, parents and carers to sing together and unite as a community in a service reflecting on our ethos and the message behind Christmas. The Carol Service is a fantastic Emmanuel tradition, and I am looking forward to seeing you there.

On Friday, we will be serving **Christmas Dinner** in our College restaurants. On the last Thursday of term, 21 December, the last two periods of the day will be devoted to Emmanuel College's **Christmas Cracker**, a tradition of festive fun and quizzes at Emmanuel, in which all students will partake and enjoy. On the last Friday of term, 22 December, we will begin the day with a whole **College Celebration**, where we will gather in the Sports Hall, sing together, recognise student achievement and hear a final Christmas thought before returning to lessons.

More details about Christmas Cracker and the Christmas Lunch will be sent to parents tomorrow.

With the exception of the two periods devoted to Christmas Cracker, **students will be working hard every lesson up until 2pm on Friday 22 December**. It is vital that we do not lose curriculum time in the run-up to Christmas. Last Friday, we had a successful morning with parents and Year 11 students as they opened their trial examination results. We spoke about the short time before the real GCSE exams and the need to maximise time in lessons. The same applies to *all* students in *all* year groups.

The last two weeks of term will be a time of focused hard work for all students in all year groups. There will be no change to the high standards and work ethic that we would expect from our students. Our Emmanuel community deserve no less. I spoke to staff specifically about this on Friday.

I would ask you to continue to support us and your child/children's academic progress in ensuring that **they are in College every day in these last two weeks of term**, being aware that every single day they will be working hard and making academic progress.

Last week we launched three new attendance initiatives, as well as our weekly pick and mix, to support exemplary attendance in the run-up to Christmas:

- **A reason to maintain and stick in** – £20 Metrocentre voucher draw in each year for students with 100% attendance for the term.
- **Still time to improve** – £10 Metrocentre voucher for the student in each year with the most improved attendance from half-term 1.
- **One for all and all for chocolates** – any tutor group with a combined attendance figure of over 92% from now until Christmas Cracker will receive a tub of chocolates delivered to their group during the cracker event.

Additionally, Monday 18 December is the next attendance review point where students may be placed onto staged attendance support, escalated through the support system, or removed from attendance monitoring.

Thank you for your support. I know that you all appreciate the importance of good attendance at all points in the academic year to support exemplary academic progress.

Yours sincerely

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