



EMMANUEL COLLEGE
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

21 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We're nearly there! This afternoon saw our return of Christmas Cracker event, with many students contributing to the Christmas jokes, quizzes, star making and music rounds. I am sure you will hear all about it. Our Christmas celebrations are indeed a signal that we finally reaching the end of the longest term of the year. We are looking forward tomorrow to our final school day of the calendar year. This will include a whole college celebration and our final Friday Review. We will also, of course, be working hard in lessons, making sure we are focused right until the end.

I would like to again thank all those staff and students involved in the carol service last week. I'm sure that those of us who were there would agree it was a moving occasion, a showcase of our students' musical and performance talents and their hard work as well as a service in which we all thought and reflected on the story behind the festive celebrations. It was fantastic to come together as a community in this way. Well done to the Year 7s in particular for their choir performances!

As the term draws to a close, we are saying farewell to three staff. Mrs Lisk who has supported and worked alongside students for a number of years in the Student Support department, and before that as a Head of House, will be leaving us for pastures new. Mrs Breward is being seconded to Grace College as curriculum lead in drama. Mrs Neibig is leaving Emmanuel College after teaching in our MFL department for many years.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to these staff for all that they have done in the service of our students and to wish them the very best for the future. I know that there are many students, both past and present, who would want to pass on their gratitude to these members of staff.

It is important that all students return promptly on **Tuesday 9 January 2023**. To that end, can I ask for your support in ensuring that all students return to College fully adhering to the College dress code? Year 13 will be revising hard over the break, since their rehearsal exams start immediately afterwards. Year 11 will also be starting the new term with gusto, I'm sure, as they begin the last full academic term before their GCSE examinations.

When we return to College in the new year, I would also like to remind you that to continue to keep students, staff and visitors safe please do not drive into the turning circle during the times when the buses are dropping off and picking up. This includes the start and end of the school day.

Please note that College will close to all students at 2:30pm on Friday 22 December 2023; there will also be no co-curricular sessions running.

May I finish by wishing you a very blessed and happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous new year. We look forward to seeing all the students in 2024!

Yours sincerely

Mr N Ogborn

Head of School