



Malbank School and Sixth Form College



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4th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards Christmas, I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you to thank you for your support over the course of this first term. Students in all years have made a very strong start to their learning this term and we are immensely proud of the fact that the number of students currently on roll at Malbank are the highest in our history with applications to join us in year 7 also at a record level.

With regards our final two and a half weeks, there are several events that help to bring a little Christmas spirit to the school calendar. Our Christmas lunch week starting Monday the 11th will be a lovely moment for our students to celebrate the end of term together (tickets are available for students to purchase from the deli counter in the boulevard). Our annual Live Aid event at the end of term is something all our students look forward to and we would like to invite all students to enjoy this final day of term in **non-uniform**. We have reduced the number of non-uniform days we have at Malbank in the last few years, and I am conscious of asking families for money, particularly at a point in the year when things are likely to be tighter. As such, students are simply welcome to give an entirely voluntary donation to their house charity should they wish on the day.

This year our charities (as chosen by our recently elected 2023/24 Malbank Captains Council) are as follows: **Brereton**: The Salvation Army, **Dorfold**: Children in Need, **Kent**: Cardiac Risk in the Young and **Wilbraham**: Macmillan. **The Sixth Form** will be supporting the Cancer Research Society.

This Christmas, our term finishes at 1.00pm on Wednesday December 20th. We have rearranged Mikro routes 1,2 and 84 and all local authority pre-arranged transport e.g. bespoke taxis. As is always the case, unfortunately we cannot reschedule the standard commercial services open to the public, these include the Stagecoach route 84 and D&G Services. We will of course supervise any students until 3.15pm if they are unable to make alternate transport arrangements. Please contact the relevant Key stage if you require this support.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank a few staff who will leave us before the start of 2024. Miss Thorley in the Maths Department will be leaving us at the end of this term and we wish her all the best for the future. From our Drama team, we also lose Mrs Morley, a member of staff who has made an immeasurable impact on so many students during her time with us. I would like personally thank her for the passion, commitment and positivity she has contributed to our community during her time at Malbank.



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As always, thank you in anticipation of your continued support for all we do at Malbank. Schools are at their best when they work collaboratively with home and when we support one another to get the best outcomes for our young people. I don't take it for granted that we get the support from home that we do and really appreciate the work you put in as families to remind your young people to revise, do their homework and make the right choices at school.

There will be an end of term video update from me on the last day and a festive edition of Gaudeamus via Microsoft Sway will also be released for you to enjoy alongside one or two festive TikToks. It would also be fantastic to see you at our Carol service at St Mary's at 7pm on Monday the 11th of December.

I look forward to welcoming our staff and students back fresh and renewed in 2024 for another great term of learning and shared experiences.

Yours sincerely,

John Harrison
Headteacher