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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to inform you of the arrangements for the end of term and the return to school in January but I also wanted to take this opportunity to update parents on important news and life at the academy this term. It has been a really busy first term and alongside our daily menu of lessons and enrichment activities, our students have been involved in a rich array of diverse and exciting experiences; I have provided a flavour of these below:

- Our term started with an amazing STEM trip to Boston and New York involving 29 students who worked with Harvard & MIT, went whale watching as part of a marine biology exercise, worked with Central Park Rangers on an ecology project and worked with Autodesk on a CAD session. Truly a once in a lifetime opportunity for our students
- The annual team building residential open to all Year 7 students took place in October with the focus of using outdoor activities to promote our Characteristics of Greatness (COGs)
- Our Year 10/11 BTEC Music group played at the TCAT concert at the Parr Hall which was organised by our very own Mr Jones with over 700 staff, parents and students involved on the night
- A group of drama students were involved in the Shakespeare in Schools festival and performed a brilliant and original version of Othello at the Z Arts theatre in Manchester
- We held a Higher Education fair in November to raise awareness and to provide independent advice and guidance around university. We welcomed over 20 different universities to the academy and students from Years 7-11 all had chance to visit and chat to representatives from the different HE establishments
- In sport, 2 students enjoyed successes at the WUKF European Championships held in Malta: Grace Barnett came back with Bronze in 12 years Kata & Joel Eccleston won Gold in 12 years Kata and Bronze in 12 years Kumite making him 3 times consecutive European Kata Champion to match his Gold World titles. The Year 9 rugby team shared the Warrington school cup with a final score of 16 -16 after a hard fought game. Year 7, 8 & 9 boys won golds and Year 7,8 & 9 girls won bronze in the Warrington Town cross country league



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- We were extremely proud to be nominated for the prestigious annual Educate Awards which are held at Liverpool Cathedral each year. Our category was the best STEM project across the whole region which was for the TCAT project led by Chris Hillidge in conjunction with United Utilities and we won! A brilliant achievement and well deserved recognition

Josh Morris Memorial

On Friday 14th December, the “Josh Morris Amphitheatre” was officially opened to honour the memory of former student Josh Morris who sadly passed away last year. There was an array of performance pieces with Josh’s friends and family members in attendance. Our students have been fundraising to support this project and they are very proud of their new performance space and we are planning something special for the spring.

The Challenge Academy Trust (TCAT)

As part of TCAT, our mission is to improve educational outcomes for all local students and, consequently, we have been asked to support another local school within our trust; namely University Academy Warrington which will now become Padgate Academy. As a school we have a strong and influential role within the trust and we have used our strength and expertise to support other schools within TCAT. Due to the increasing size of the trust, I have been asked to take on a trust wide role to lead on quality and standards. It is a privilege to be asked and is indicative of the status of our school within the local area. Consequently, I will now become Executive Principal at BCA with some of my time being used to support other schools and Mr Harris will step up to become Principal. Mrs Mullen and Mr Reynolds will also become permanent Vice Principals. We are excited about our next chapter and believe this development will help cement our position as a beacon of good practice in the local area.

End of term arrangements

The students will finish for the Christmas holiday on **Friday 21st December** at 12:50pm. Students who wish to stay for lunch will be able to purchase food or collect a free school meal if they order in advance. Students will be allowed to wear a Christmas jumper on the final day and we would appreciate small donations to the Josh Morris memorial fund.

Please remember that this is a school day which counts towards your child’s overall school attendance and all students are expected to attend.

Return to school:

4th January is an INSET day for staff only, therefore students are required to return to school on **Monday 7th January** at the normal time of 8:30am.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year.

Best wishes



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