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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Sixth Form Christmas Holiday – Year 13

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. It has been a difficult term however I am immensely proud of Year 13 for remaining focused and dedicated to their work.

Please be aware that your daughter/son will return to school after the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 5 January at 8.45, (currently) , however it is vital that you keep an eye on your emails and the school website in case of any changes.

During this holiday period we would be extremely grateful if you could urge your daughter/son to organise their learning time whilst at home and continue to encourage them to work hard and stay motivated. I have instructed sixth form staff to call home and check all students are managing to access their studies remotely and are taking care of their personal wellbeing. I am sure you are aware that this is a highly stressful time for post 16 students so, as well as completing their work over the holiday period, I do encourage your daughter/son to get plenty of rest. It is important they return from Christmas break refreshed and ready to start the next phase of their academic journey.

Year 13 A level and BTEC Business students have just completed PPEs and we hope the results from these will give students the necessary confidence needed for them to be successful in the summer. The results from these exams will inform our decisions regarding future home study and personalised intervention. There is a Year 13 & 12 parents' evening on 2 February to discuss any concerns. It will possibly be a virtual event.

Finally it is with sadness that I now inform you of my imminent departure from Shirley High School. I have been here a little over 10 years and have had the immense good fortune to help set up the sixth form, oversee its development and receive such glowing reports from OFSTED. I have always been proud of our post 16 students, none more so than our current Year 13; they are a credit to you, the school and society. They, I am sure, will find success in their chosen pathways. I wish them and you the very best for the future.

Here's to a lovely Christmas and a healthy and happy 2021.

Yours sincerely

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