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Dear Parent / Guardian

With the Christmas holiday rapidly approaching, I write with a number of brief updates and reminders:

New staff starting

We have three talented teachers joining the team after the holiday. The ability of our school to continue to attract great teachers who choose to work here at a time of national teacher shortages is deeply reassuring:

Ms Ho - Teacher of Maths

Mr Lartey - Head of RE

Miss Savoy - Teacher of Geography. Miss Savoy will also be joining the pastoral team, supporting Year 11 in their crucial next two terms.

Friday, 20th December

On our last day of term we will be **finishing at 12.40, after period 3**. Children will be able to pick up a packed lunch from the canteen on their way out if they wish. Whilst we do expect school uniform to be worn on this day, pupils are welcome to also wear a Christmas jumper if they wish.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

This crucial opportunity to meet and discuss progress with the teachers of Year 11 pupils is on **Thursday 9th January 2025, 4.00pm - 7.00pm**. Please make every effort to attend this most important of Parents' Evenings.

Monday 6th January 2025- Teacher Training Day

A reminder that Monday 6th January is the King Edward VI Schools INSET day, where we will be joining colleagues from across all the King Edward schools to further develop our teaching. Pupils will start back at normal time on Tuesday 7th January.

New PE Clubs for January

PE clubs continue to be well attended, and pupils will now also see this attendance rewarded on Classcharts. The clubs for the new term will run until 4.15pm. Pupils don't need to sign up, they can just come to the PE changing rooms at the end of the day. New pupils always welcome!

Monday

Football - We continue to work with Ben from Alvechurch Football Club in these sessions and we are excited to have entered the Trevor Francis Schools club in partnership with Birmingham City Football Club. Please encourage your child to come along if they would like to be involved.

Dance - Well done to those pupils selected to represent the school in the School Games KS3 dance competition. This club will be for those students to learn and rehearse their dance ready for the competition.

Headteacher: Mr Neil Jones



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Tuesday

Badminton - This club will continue next term due to its popularity, pupils should bring a partner or come on their own, there is always someone to have a game with!

Self-Defence - We are pleased to continue our Self-Defence Club, working with Max from Max Stewart Judo to equip pupils with vital physical skills and to build confidence.

Wednesday

Indoor athletics- This club is for any pupils who would like to improve their running, jumping and throwing skills! During next term, a Year 7 and 8 team will also be selected to represent the school, so please encourage your child to come along if they would like the opportunity to be selected for the team.

Pound fitness - These sessions will continue with our Librarian Mrs Dunnaker who is a trained Pound Instructor. Pound is a fitness session using weighted drumsticks to drum to music!

Thursday

Netball - This club continues to run for Year 7s who are on the netball team and any other pupils that would like to take part. This club will also be invaluable for the Year 10 GCSE PE group as they start their block of netball for their practical assessment.

Boxing - We are excited to bring back Brad from a local Boxing academy to run boxing sessions after school for pupils who would like to try something new and work on their fitness. All year groups welcome! These sessions will run for 6 weeks.

Friday

Basketball - This continues to be a popular club on so will take place on Fridays with coaches from Birmingham Bears.

Saturday - Our multi-sports club run by one of our ex-pupils Zainab continues to take place free of charge from 9.30-11.30am. Pupils really enjoy the freedom of the sports hall and all the PE equipment available! All pupils welcome.

In closing, I would like to thank you and your family for all the support you provide your child and the school. I hope you are able to enjoy a restful break over the Christmas period.

Yours sincerely

Mr Neil Jones
Headteacher