

## Be happy, Be ambitious, Make a difference

Ref: ljm/AMG/General

1 December 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

### Re. End of the Autumn Term 2017

Thank you for your support this term which has seen us celebrate fantastic A Level results, placing the Sixth Form in the top 10% nationally and our best English and Maths results with the new GCSE examinations.

#### Attendance/Uniform

We have been pleased with the efforts of staff and students to raise standards this term and have seen improvements of conduct, uniform and attendance as well as the quality of many students' work. We must continue to improve and I would like to remind you what a difference 'good' attendance makes to the quality of grades achieved. Therefore, **please ensure your child attends every day**, unless genuinely too ill to be in school.

I would also ask you to check your child is wearing the correct uniform and that they **do not wear any form of skinny trousers, leggings or jeggings**. I would advise on a plain black v neck jumper or cardigan to be worn under their blazers in this colder weather.

The next few weeks of term are crucial in checking your child's exercise books and folders, to ensure that there is no incomplete work and that they have responded to the marking and feedback from teachers.

We will break up for the Christmas holiday on **Wednesday 20 December at 12.15pm**. The 1005 Centrebus bus service has been booked for 12.30pm for those students who use this.

#### Newsletter

We very much hope you will enjoy reading the latest college Newsletter which will give you a full update and flavour of our amazing students and staff. This was given to your child to bring home, so please ensure you see it. It is also available on the website.

#### Online Gaming and E-safety

The festive holiday often brings new consoles and games into the home, many of which include online content. These online games involve interacting with many other players, which means your child will be talking with strangers in an environment they feel completely comfortable and at ease in.

Many games sites allow the user to create a profile, using personal information, and without the proper safety precautions this could be open for all to see (much like a social networking profile). This can lead to significant personal risk to your child. Many gamers are adults and conversation may be highly unsuitable for young people.

Top tips:

- Gamertags/usernames should not contain personal information about the child or match their email address – e.g. Chloe2005 might give away the name, gender and age of the child.
- Ensure any privacy settings within a game are set to the highest level.
- Remind your child not to share information that may give away their location (including their school) and not to share personal information or photos. They should be suspicious of anyone who repeatedly asks them for these things. Let them know they can talk to you if they have concerns.



We can offer support with the translation of this letter, please contact the College.

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Please see our website for more top tips on keeping your child safe whilst gaming:  
<http://www.cityleicester.co.uk/key-information/safeguarding/e-safety/>

### **Drop off and Pick Up**

The car park can be very busy at peak drop-off and collection times and we greatly appreciate the consideration, patience and polite approach of the majority of visitors. However, there have been a few occasions when a small number of visitors have caused safety concerns as a result of their actions. When entering the car park drivers are urged to pull to the side whilst dropping off and collecting students this will allow traffic still to flow. Do not double-park.

We politely request that those drivers choosing to park or wait in neighbouring residential streets, particularly at the very busy peak drop-off and collection times, do so in a way that is legal and which is considerate to the residents of those streets, seeking to minimise inconvenience to them by not directly blocking driveways or obstructing the reasonable flow of traffic on those streets.

Again, we greatly appreciate the consideration of the majority of drivers, and thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

### **Key Dates**

Please find below some key dates for the remainder of this year and the Spring Term.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
<b>Friday 15 December</b>	Christmas Jumper / Non Uniform Day	Students and staff are encouraged to wear a festive jumper with a donation of £1 - all proceeds will go towards One Nepal.
<b>Monday 18 December</b>	TCOLC Winter Concert	6.00pm – 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased from the Blue Hub.
<b>Wednesday 20 December</b>	End of Autumn Term	School closes at 12.15pm.
<b>Monday 8 January</b>	Start of Spring Term	
<b>Thursday 18 January</b>	Y11 Subject Evening	4.30pm – 7.00pm
<b>Thursday 8 February</b>	Y8 Option Evening/Core Subject Evening	5.00pm – 7.00pm
<b>Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February</b>	Spring Half Term	
<b>Thursday 22 February</b>	Y13 Subject Evening	4.30pm – 7.00pm
<b>Wednesday 7 March</b>	Student Review Day	11.00am – 7.00pm

### **Emergency Closure Protocol**

I would like to remind you of our Emergency Closure Protocol. In the event that the health and well-being of staff and/or students are at risk due to unforeseen circumstances, the College or part of the College may need to close.

BBC Radio Leicester has a dedicated 'snow desk' available from 6.00am to 9.00am when bad weather has been forecast. They will also post up to date information regarding snow closures on their website homepage at [www.bbc.co.uk/leicester](http://www.bbc.co.uk/leicester). The College will also post any closure notices on our Twitter page.

Finally, if any parent is interested in joining the Governing Body we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Louise Modi via email at [lmodi@cityleicester.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:lmodi@cityleicester.leicester.sch.uk) with a short explanation as to why you would like to become a School Governor.

I wish you all a peaceful and healthy festive break.

Yours sincerely

**Anne Gregory**  
Head Teacher



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