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Aldridge School - An Academy

December 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we draw towards the end of a very busy term I would like to bring to your attention some end of term events and information about next term.

Christmas Concert

Our concert will be held on Wednesday 10 December at 7.30 pm, tickets available from the music department (£6/£5 concessions).

Christmas Carol Service

You are warmly invited to join us for the Carol Service held at St Mary of the Angels, Whetstone Lane on Thursday 18 December at 7.30 pm.

Christmas CD/DVD

We are delighted to offer our parents the opportunity to purchase a CD/DVD of Christmas music planned, performed and recorded entirely by students. The discs feature classic songs and hymns such as Silent Night, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, Sleigh Ride and many more. An ideal Christmas present for friends and family available from the music department priced £8.

Friday 19 December

As part of the ongoing work to support a local and a national charity our School Council want to run a "Non uniform" day. The date for this will be Friday 19 December.

On this day all students who want to contribute will be asked to donate £1 and will then be allowed to wear their own clothes to school, with a seasonal theme. I would like to emphasise that students should wear sensible clothing which reflects the usual Health and Safety rules especially in respect of jewellery. Face paints, hair colouring, fancy dress etc will **not** be allowed.

Christmas Holiday

The school will close on Friday 19 December; students will return to form at 12 noon and there will be a gradual dismissal of students to ease congestion on the drive. All students will have been dismissed by approximately 12.30 pm.

School reopens on Monday 5 January; students should be in school for period 2 lessons.

Staff Training Day

There is a staff training day on Tuesday 27 January, school will be closed to all students.

Year 11 Forward Planning

The following dates may assist with forward planning for our Year 11 students and parents:

Year 11 Prom –	26 June at The Bescot Stadium
First Exams start	11 May 2015
GCSE Results day	20 August 2015

Sixth form Open evening

Year 11 students and parents are invited to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 8 January at 7.00 pm to discuss individual courses and meet our specialist staff. You will also be able to tour our excellent sixth form facilities.

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Snow

Please remember that in the event of heavy snow which may lead to school closure please

- Listen to local radio stations
- See our website (www.aldridge.walsall.sch.uk)
- Check messages on your mobile telephone (for those who have supplied mobile telephone numbers)

Term Dates for 2015/16

Some advanced warning for the confirmed term dates for the academic year 2015/16.

Teacher training days to be confirmed. **Please note when planning holidays that the first week of school in September is the same week as Bank Holiday Monday.**

	Open	Close
Autumn Term 2015	Tuesday 1 September 2015 Monday 2 November 2015	Friday 23 October 2015 Friday 18 December 2015
Spring Term 2016	Monday 4 January 2016 Monday 22 February 2016	Friday 12 February 2016 Thursday 24 March 2016
Summer Term 2016	Monday 11 April 2016 Monday 6 June 2016	Friday 27 May 2016 Wednesday 20 July 2016

Please see our website www.aldridgeschool.org for term dates for this year and for all other important information.

Uniform

Please continue to support us with our standards of uniform. During the cold and wet weather encourage your son/daughter to wear coats (not hoody/sweat shirts) to school. All coats, hats, gloves and scarves must be removed when in the school building.

Parking

Parents are reminded that they should not drive onto the school site at the beginning and end of the school day. Parents are also asked to be considerate to our neighbours, and to other road users when parking, please make sure you are not double parked or blocking access. Thank you.

Lunch rotation: Please note these are different to those shown in student planners

5 January – 13 February 2015

1.00 pm	Linley and Barr to lunch Scott and Daniels to form/assembly
1.30 pm	Scott and Daniels to lunch Linley and Barr to form/assembly

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year and look forward to the new challenges 2015 will bring.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher