Dear Parent and Student,

We are entering the last two weeks of term and in addition to sharing some updates from the Art Department, the MFL Department, the Careers’ Department, Year 9 and the Sixth Form. I thought it helpful that I share the end of term arrangements.

On Friday 20th December we break for the Christmas holidays. Term ends for our students at the following times.

12.15pm    Years 13, 12, 11 and 10
12.45pm    Year 9, 8 and 7

On the last day of term students are allowed to be in non-uniform as a treat.

With regards to non-uniform, the Sixth Form wish to remind all students that on Friday 13th December they are running a fundraising Christmas Jumper Day. The idea is that instead of wearing the school jumper, students can wear a Christmas jumper instead. All other items of school uniform are to be worn as usual. Those participating are asked to pay £1. Our Sixth Form young men and women have nominated a number of local charities to donate to. I encourage all students to participate in this fun, festive charity initiative.

In terms of helping others, our Year 9 students are again making collections for the local Foodbank. Last time they collected over 500 items and are hoping to exceed this number this Christmas. The Form Group that donates the most will get a special reward. I am proud of our young people who show such care and concern for others.

With regards to exceptional achievements, I am delighted to share that some of our Year 12 students have entered their work into the Thames Valley Learning Partnership ‘Photographer of the year ’competition. Their work is on display at The Curve in central Slough and will be in the exhibition until the end of January. We look forward to sharing the outcome of the competition but prior to learning of this, huge congratulations go to

Rachel Adeyemi
Umar Nasib
Shoaib Jaan
Arslan Mahmood
Sixth Formers have also been busy at the National School and College Leavers’ Show at Ascot Racecourse on Tuesday 3rd December. The event provided students with an opportunity to meet and talk to a number of representatives from a wide variety of industries and universities about the options available to them post-18. Students found the morning interesting, very informative, engaging and it certainly gave them an insight into the type of companies they could be working for in the future and the range of courses on offer.

Finally the members of the Modern Foreign Languages Department are very keen to encourage students to join their lunch time club. Please see their message below.

**Come join us every Monday lunchtime in G10!!!**
We will be planning a short French musical for the end of 2nd term assembly (April 2020).

You do not have to participate in the actual performance. You can choose to work “behind the scenes” and help plan the show and create/share ideas for leaflets, posters, costumes etc.

Join us in **G10** every **Monday lunchtime** if you would like to join or even to simply ask questions! You can bring your lunch with you.

**What?** French club/play  
**When?** Monday lunchtime  
**Where?** G10 (Miss Audi)

Have a lovely week ahead

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