



Merry Christmas!  
Happy New Year!

# December 2023



- Much of the information in my letter is repeated here
- As our long Christmas Term comes to an end...
- We have much to celebrate
- We have faced some real challenges and kept moving forward
- We look forward to *Annie* running in week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> January

# School Day Changes



- Start and finish of day unchanged
- Timetable hasn't changed
- We are splitting lunchtime so students can enjoy the facilities far more
- Less queuing at lunch
- Queue-jump passes at break for those with lunchtime clubs at lunch

# Behaviour for Learning



- We haven't been happy with standards of behaviour this term
- Several measures in place to support improvement:
- Split lunches
- More **support** for the students struggling the most to meet our expectations
- More regular **coaching** of what positive, respectful behaviour looks like in school
- **Celebrate** – over 1000 students with positive behaviour score – regular communication home, treats, letters, events

# Uniform



- As ever, we will challenge uniform standards at the start of a new term
- Trainers, hoodies, incorrect skirts, etc will be challenged
- We may confiscate problem items, eg hoodies
- We recommend that all replacement items are from the new uniform, including skirts
- A polite reminder that all uniform will need to be in line with the new policy in September 2023

# Catering



- We are delighted and excited to announce that *Innovate* will run our catering from February 2023
- They have been the caterers at Royal Latin for the last twelve years
- They will be delivering a better variety of fresh food, served more quickly, by more staff
- Current staff will remain in the team, and extra staff will be employed

# Goodbyes



- The following teaching staff are leaving at the end of term:
- Mr Merrick – joins the Senior Leadership Team in his new school
- Mrs Caesar, Miss Sinclair and Mr Mandel
- Mr Mandel will be working in another school, but remains with us part-time
- Mrs Murray starts as CL of Maths in January
- Miss Carracedo-Fernandez will be teaching languages
- Mr Claridge and Mrs Ferris are leaving the support staff
- Mrs Ribbans returns from maternity leave and resumes as Head of Year 8

# References for Support



- Please refer to my letter for details of:
- Mental Health and Wellbeing support over Christmas
- Support for families during this period, as the cost of living rises dramatically
- Visit the school website, “Safeguarding” section and the “Parents” section