



December 2023

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Dear family

End of Term Arrangements

This has been a busy first half term for me at Shireland! I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know staff and students alike. It's been fantastic meeting families at some of the Academy's events, and I hope to meet more of you in the future.

Year 11 have completed their mock examinations, as they continue to prepare for their external examinations in the Summer. Parents of these students will receive the results in early January, with annual reports following soon after.

We have also been preparing for our production of the Wizard of Oz during our Theatre School sessions on Thursdays after school, and we are looking forward to welcoming families to our performances on Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 December. Tickets for these performances are available for families to purchase on ParentPay, and we hope to see as many of you there as possible over the two evenings with doors opening at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

Our Sixth Form students produced an evening of dance, drama and music performances that were of the highest quality, which we all thoroughly enjoyed! For more details of the many events that have taken place please have a look at the Newsletter on the Student Portal that will be available at the end of term.

Our sports teams have continued to impress throughout the Autumn term. Congratulations to all staff and students who have shown such positive dedication over the term.

Students have helped to organise many fundraising events this term, raising money for worthy campaigns such as Save The Children, the Shoe Box Appeal and many more.

The last day of term will be Friday, 22 December 2023. Students will be released from the Academy from 12:25pm. Students who are entitled to Free School Meals will be issued with a voucher. The link for the voucher will be sent via email or text message by Thursday, 21 December.

We look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday, 8 January 2024 at the normal time of 8.40am in full academy uniform. Please note uniform checks will take place on this day.

In recognition of our diverse school community, we have rearranged one of our Staff Training days from Friday, 26 January to Monday, 17 June, to allow students time to celebrate Eid al Adha with their friends and family.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M Green
Principal