



December 2024

Dear family

### End of Term Letter – December 2024

I'm excited to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newly appointed Associate Principal of Shireland Collegiate Academy. Having been a part of the Shireland community for the past two and a half years, I'm truly honoured to step into this role. I strongly believe that Shireland is an exceptional school, and I am proud to serve both the students and the wider community.

This summer, our students in exam year groups achieved outstanding GCSE and A-Level results, with some of the best outcomes in the school's history. Our team is committed to building on these successes, ensuring that there are no limits to what our students can achieve.

As you may know, we were inspected by Ofsted in October. The inspection was robust but fair, and it provided an opportunity for us to showcase the best of Shireland. I was immensely proud of the efforts of our students, staff, and families. Some of the standout quotes from the report included:

- "An overwhelming sense of community and mutual respect greets you as you arrive."
- "Pupils say that they are happy in school and value the opportunities to support each other."
- "Pupils achieve well, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)."
- "Students in the sixth form are positive about their exceptional learning and enrichment opportunities."
- "Pupils' behaviour is exemplary."

Beyond Ofsted, the school continues to be as busy and vibrant as ever. Our Performing Arts Department continues to shine, and our musicians delivered a fantastic performance at the 'A Christmas Cracker' show. It was a joy to see our talented and brave students performing to a full auditorium. Special thanks to the young performers from Shireland Technology Primary who joined us for this event. It was truly heartwarming to see both primary and secondary students on stage together, reinforcing the sense of unity within the Shireland family across all school stages. I am also looking forward to this year's Panto performance at the end of the term.

Additionally, we have hosted a number of successful events, including our Sixth Form Open Evening, a wonderful Awards Evening, and an Open Evening for families choosing secondary schools. I am thrilled to announce that we have received over 700 applications for the 250 Year 7 places for September 2025. The trust families place in us is humbling and further demonstrates that Shireland Collegiate Academy continues to be an exceptional place to learn and grow.

The last day of term will be Friday, 20 December 2024. Students will be released from the Academy from 12:30pm. 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, 19 December.

We look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday, 6 January 2025, at the normal time of 8.40am in full academy uniform. Please note uniform checks will take place on this day.

Wishing you all a wonderful break, and we look forward to an even more exciting 2025 ahead!

Your sincerely

Mr T Daly  
**Associate Principal**