



December 2025

Dear Family

### End of Term Letter – December 2025

As we approach the end of another successful term, I wanted to make you aware of the end of term arrangements and to take a moment to reflect on the achievements and progress our students have made. It has been filled with hard work, dedication, and numerous accomplishments.

#### End of Term Arrangements:

- The last day of term will be Friday, 19 December. Students will be dismissed from the Academy at 12.30pm.
- Students eligible for free school meals will be able to collect a grab bag from the canteen as they are dismissed.

#### Highlights of the Term:

- **Open Events:** We held Open Events for both the 6<sup>th</sup> form and Year 7 for the academic year 2026/27 earlier this term. We were thrilled to have over 700 applications for the 250 places we have in Year 7 and the 6<sup>th</sup> form look like they will build on the record numbers we admitted this year. We thank all families and young people for putting their trust in us.
- **Attendance:** a fantastic start to the year with our Statutory Attendance standing at 95.5%. This shows the commitment our students and families have towards getting everything they can from school. Thank you for your support.
- **Award's Evening:** our annual event was a huge success this year as we celebrate the achievements of our students. Comedian Darren Harriott supported the evening and gave students an inspirational speech on his pathway to success. We also took the opportunity to rename our auditorium the Sir Mark Grundy theatre in recognition of his work for Shireland Collegiate Academy and the wider Trust.
- **Experiences beyond the classroom:** we have also seen a huge number of trips outside the classroom for all year groups this term. From cinema trips to University visits, sporting events to theatre experiences. Alongside our growing extra-curricular activities, we are committed to giving young people opportunities beyond our 4 walls.

#### Upcoming Events:

- **Christmas Music Concert:** Monday, 1 December. **Tickets available to purchase on Arbor Pay - £3 each**
- **Sixth Form Consultation Evening:** Tuesday, 11 December
- **Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day:** Friday, 12 December
- **SCA Christmas Show.** Wednesday, 17 & Thursday, 18 December. **Tickets available to purchase on Arbor Pay - £4 each**
- **End of term:** Friday, 19 December. **Students dismissed at 12.30pm**
- **Staff Training Day:** Monday, 5 January. **Academy is closed to all students on this day**
- **Start of Term:** Tuesday, 6 January. **All students return to the Academy following the Christmas break.**
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening:** Thursday, 8 January. **Appointments will be available to book on Arbor from Monday, 8 December**
- **Year 7 Settling In Evening:** Tuesday, 13 January. **Appointments will be available to book on Arbor from Monday, 15 December**

**Important Reminders:**

- Term Break: The Academy will be closed from Monday, 22 December until Monday, 5 January for the Christmas break. The Academy will reopen to all students on Tuesday, 6 January.
- Uniform: Please ensure your child has the necessary uniform for the next term.

**Free School Meal Voucher Information:**

- Free School Meal Vouchers: We will be issuing vouchers to families before the end of term, to the value of £40 per child. This is to cover the October, Christmas and February holiday periods.
- Supporting Sandwell: Click the link to access the Support Sandwell section of the SMBC website. Here you will find some useful financial advice from the Local Authority - [Supporting Sandwell – Sandwell Council](#)

We are incredibly proud of our students and grateful for the support from our families. Your involvement and encouragement play a crucial role in their success. We look forward to continuing this journey together in the next term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr T Daly  
**Principal**