



21st December 2023/ 5 Jamadda-al-Akhirah 1445

Assalaamu Alaikum – ‘Peace be upon you’

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you are in the best of health.

The end of an extremely busy, successful term has arrived, and I would like to thank you for all your continued support. **School will close for the Christmas holiday for ALL pupils on Friday 22nd December at 12:30pm. School reopens for all pupils on Monday 8th January at 9am.** We will not be starting at the normal time of 8am just for this day. All pupils are expected to arrive by 9am. We will revert back to the original time of 8am arrival on Tuesday 9th January.

Safety

As we approach the Christmas holiday, and the days are shorter and dark, I urge parents to ensure that pupils are staying safe when outdoors. Please monitor the amount of time your son spends outdoors and always be aware of his location. Also closely monitor their activity on social media. If you require more information or advice on how to keep your children safe online, please visit the following link: [Staying safe online | Childline](#)

Student Attendance & Punctuality

We have noted previously how attendance plays an important part in social development and success and I hope that you will continue to support us. I have also had to have meetings with some parents regarding poor attendance.

Recently some of our students have been arriving late for school. Please ensure your son leaves home early enough to arrive at school on time, as registration starts at 8am prompt. This will have a positive impact on his school life and benefit him in his adult life. I would also like to bring to your attention that **requests for going abroad during term time, will be denied and any absence taken during term-time will be unauthorised.**

Y11 Holiday Interventions

To prepare and support our year 11 students for their upcoming GCSE examinations in the summer term, we are holding interventions during the Christmas holidays. The timetable for this will be issued this week. Please familiarise yourself with the timetable and utilise this opportunity and make the most of these interventions for your son.

School Uniform

Please ensure your son is dressed as per school uniform policy, students are only permitted to wear black or blue overcoats. JD/footsylum/nike or any retail sports bags are not permitted. May I also remind you that extreme hairstyles are not allowed, and all hairstyles should be appropriate for school.

Collective Prayers



Due to changes in timing and the shorter days, we currently hold collective prayers in school for Zuhr and Asr prayers. This will change around March. When the days become longer, collective prayers will no longer be held in school however, individual prayer facilities will still be available.

Items

Please note, reception will not be accepting any items to pass onto students, during the school day as this disrupts teaching and learning. Please ensure your son leaves home with all his books and equipment including PE kit. The only items reception will be accepting is medication and glasses.

School Letters & Communication

I would also like to remind you to please check your son's school bag on daily basis for any news/letters that have been sent from school. We also upload the letters onto our website and in most cases, we email and text the letters to parents.

Car Park

When dropping pupils off to school, please ensure you enter the carpark carefully and considerately. Please respect members of staff on duty and be considerate towards other staff and parents. Please use the lane that is the furthest from the car park entrance to drop your children off.

Staff Changes

The following members of staff are now leaving after years of dedicated service to the school:

- Mr Ali – HOY 11
- Mr Lukman – HOY 7

The school has put interim measures in place. From January 2024, the new point of contacts are as follows, until further notice:

- Mr Khan – Year 11
- Miss S Begum – Year 7

Important dates for your diary:

- Thursday 21st December – Special Iftaar Event
- **Friday 22nd December – School closes for the Christmas break**
- Thursday 4th January – Sunday 7th January 2024 – Year 11 Christmas Holiday interventions begin (please refer to intervention timetable)
- **Monday 8th January 2024 – School reopens for pupils at 9am**
- Thursday 18th January 2024 – Year 11 Parents' Evening 2 (3.30pm-6.30pm)
- Friday 9th February 2024 – School closes for the half-term break

Thank you again for all your support and devotion to Eden Boys' Leadership Academy, Birmingham East and I look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Monday 8th January 2024 at 9am.**

Yours faithfully,



Mr A Hussain
Principal