



12 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well and that you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. As we embark on a new term, with a fresh cold start, I want to extend a warm welcome back to each and every one of you. On the whole students have returned to school well and attendance is slowly moving back towards pre pandemic levels. A continued plea from the school is to, where ever possible, ensure your child is coming to school each day. We see the benefits to students in the long term of sustained excellent attendance not only in academic outcomes but in their personal wellbeing and being appropriately prepared for adulthood.

I will see all students at the start of this term in their respective year group assemblies, partly in welcoming them back and to wish them well for the coming term but also to provide key updates from the actions completed to date of the student leadership team who help shape student voice. The views of all stakeholders help drive our community forward. To that note I thought I would share a lovely email I received over the break from one of the many beneficiaries of the Christmas Hamper campaign that you helped support.

Dear NLS,

Thank you for another generous donation of a Christmas hamper for our residents and staff. We all appreciate your kindness. It was also lovely to meet Freyah, Sophie and Lucy. Wishing all the students and staff a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

From, all the staff and residents at Cubbington Mill Care Home.

Your continued involvement in your child's education is invaluable and together we will make this term a rewarding and enriching experience for all. Communication continues to be key - we encourage you to stay actively engaged with your child's education. We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for the holistic development of our students. A quick signpost of all our policies which can be found on our website [here](#). Specifically, please note our Severe Weather (school closure) Policy for new parents and carers should we be required to respond to poor weather. Please take note of important dates, upcoming event and any specific information relevant to your child - the school calendar can be found [here](#). I look forward to seeing many of you at our Year 7, 8 & 9 events in school this term.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Here's to a successful and fulfilling term ahead!

Mike Lowdell
Head Teacher