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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Christmas holidays approach, I wanted to celebrate the achievements of another busy school term and thank you for all the support you have given to the school over the last year.

The last day of term is Friday 19th December 2025 and students will leave the school to go home at 12.30pm. Normal school uniform will be required on the last day of term. On the last day, students will have an opportunity for 'brunch', so they will have had the chance to eat before they come home. We will extend break time to allow for the canteen to serve all students who would like to eat.

It is important to note that there will be no school buses when students leave school at 12.30pm, so it is vital that arrangements for travel home have been made in advance please. If any student cannot travel home I am more than happy for them to stay in school until the normal finishing time of 3.15pm. (Please let the school office know if this is required for your child).

Students will all return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

I have already written to you with regard to the success of our now former students in summer 2025 GCSEs, but just a quick mention again, as a thank you to staff, parents and the students themselves – they were brilliant and long may it continue. We look forward to seeing them in school next week to collect their GCSE certificates on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December between 2:30-4:30.

I would also like to take the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students this term, especially our Year 7's who have settled in so well and our Year 11's who have conducted themselves, on the whole, superbly throughout their mock exams. Well done!

Can I also remind you of the letter I sent out last week regarding basic equipment for learning. From January 2026 we are going to review and support pupil preparedness for learning in a different manner and we will be checking on basic equipment more regularly and formally, as both staff and pupils have raised concerns about the impact of pupils not having sometimes not even having a pen at the start of a lesson, on the learning of others. There will be a consequence for lack of equipment going forward, but we will look to make this process as easy as possible for pupils. We will provide the basics (pen, pencil, ruler and eraser) to any pupil who does not have them at the start of the New Year. In addition, it would be helpful if students had their own maths set: compass, protractor and set square.

Pupils do require a calculator for maths lessons and whilst they are not used every lesson, we need to build fluency and understanding around the use of a calculator, because ultimately two of the

three GCSE maths papers are calculator papers. The school will support Pupil Premium pupils in purchasing a calculator. The calculator can be either of the two below, with the second being suitable for A level maths as well:

- Casio FX 83 GT CW
- Casio FX 991 CW

A list of equipment can be found here  
Webpage: <https://www.pensbyhighschool.org/parents/uniform-information/>

As a final reminder the last day of term is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and students will leave the school to go home at 12.30pm. The new term starts on Monday 5th January 2026 at 8.40am.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and all of your family a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours faithfully



Mr K Flanagan  
Headteacher