



16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the holiday season, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for the support and partnership you've provided throughout this term. This time of year is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments we've made as a school community, and I am incredibly proud of what our students and staff have achieved together. I have the privilege of seeing this on a daily basis, but I am sure that you were as pleased as I was to see the improvements [acknowledged by Ofsted](#) after their visit in November.

This final week of term is a busy one, and I thought it would be worth sharing a few key items:

- Our 'festive 15' December attendance push is continuing. I'd like to see our attendance continue to improve this week across all year groups and I must thank you for your part in ensuring good attendance. **Every lesson really does count.**
- On Tuesday we have a team of Year 10s representing DCC at the Northern Education Trust 'Big Debate' final. This is a high-profile event in the NET calendar and I am sure you will all want to say Do Well to them!
- On Wednesday after school we are running a Christmas jumper-making enrichment after school, open to all students who would like to get and decorate a free Christmas jumper.
- Wednesday is also Christmas lunch day – always a culinary highlight!
- On Friday it is Christmas jumper day. The jumper replaces the school blazer, with a donation to charity, but otherwise the uniform rules remain the same. Donations can be made by Parent Pay as well as in person on Friday.
- On Friday, lessons will run all day and school will finish at the usual time of 2:30pm.
- Friday also sees a Year 11 revision quiz after school. This was a request from the students and will see Year 11 and staff joining forces to see who has the greatest knowledge! What a wonderful way to end the term.

This is also the time of year where we say a fond farewell to some staff and welcome in some new staff. Whilst we are seeing some staff move on to pastures new (and promotions in many cases) we also have some very talented and skilled new teachers to introduce to you in the new year.

The new year really will be an exciting one, with the free Ebacc experiences beginning again for KS3 students as well as refreshed enrichment offer, new Love to Learn projects and the start of the STEP 3 assessment window. I'm looking forward to seeing even more students make it to the PROUD table next term – it really is a highlight of every week. 2025 will also be the year that we formally become part of Northern Education Trust and I hope to be able to share more details about this final, exciting and very positive change soon.


We've also got a change to the 701 bus service (journey to school only). We'll send a reminder by text over the holidays as well:

Thornley Lane South/Cromwell Avenue	07:41
Balmoral Drive	07:46
Denton Station	07:52
Denton C.C.	07:55

**HEADTEACHER:** Mr D Cumming

On behalf of the entire staff at Denton Community College, I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with joy, peace, and fulfilment. Thank you again for being such an integral part of our school community and for your continued support on our improvement journey. We look forward to seeing your children back at school on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:20am.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'd. cumming'.

Donald Cumming  
Headteacher