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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we near the end of the Autumn term, I would like to firstly wish you all a wonderful break. I am delighted to see so many of our students embracing the culture of XP and demonstrating our Habits of Working in every lesson every day: working hard, getting smart and being kind. This term has concluded with some fabulous presentations of learning, beautiful work and great experiences for our students throughout their expeditions.

In addition this term has seen our school represented at Sporting fixtures locally and nationally, and celebration events; including a book launch at the Danum Gallery and presentation at the Sustainable Education Conference in Birmingham. I'd like to thank you for your support for all of our events and also your support of crew leaders and teachers as they continue to provide lots of fabulous experiences for our students.

Please find outlined below some key information we wanted to share with parents and carers.

Last day arrangements

- Students will be dismissed from school at 1.30pm on Friday 16th December to begin their 2 weeks break.
- We return to school on 3rd January to begin our immersion activities for the second term of the school year.

Absence

- A reminder if your children will be absent from school, please telephone the school office or email your child's crew leader.

Strep A awareness

- As you will all be aware, there has been an increase in the number of cases of Strep-A across the country.

As a parent, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement. Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is eating much less than normal
- your child has a temperature of 39°C or higher

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Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

Departing staff and new staff joining us

This term we have said hello to a number of new staff and goodbye to a few staff too. We'd like to wish staff leaving us over the next few weeks well with their future endeavours, we say goodbye to Miss Rothwell, Mr Danks and Miss Daniels. We welcome Miss Cope, Mr McCoy, Mr Fawley, Miss Mountain, Mr Bywater, Miss Scott and Miss Wade to our team. We are also working with some fabulous consultants with many years experience to work with our subject leads and teams to ensure all students achieve the best possible outcomes, alongside the fabulous provision through our expeditions and crew experiences.

During the first week back we will be sharing expedition newsletters via email so parents have direct contact details for subject teachers and phase leaders, in addition all key dates for the Spring term will be outlined - please watch out for these.

Academic snapshots

By the end of this week you should have received your child's academic snapshot for the Autumn term; there will be Student led conferences taking place throughout January, please look out for an email from your child's crew leader to sign up for SLCs. If you haven't received your child's snapshot by now please email your child's crew leader to let them know.

Drop off and collection

Please be reminded to be considerate of one another when dropping off and collecting students in Car Park 3, we appear to be creating a back log onto the road as a result of not utilising the space available in the car park and dropping off by the gates, please consider other car park users when dropping your children at school to support safety for all of our students and site users.

Finally, from everyone at XP East, we would like to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas holiday and a great start to 2023. We look forward to welcoming students back on **Tuesday 3rd January**.

Best Wishes,



Claira Salter
Principal - XP & XP East