

16<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Dear Parent/Carer,

Once again we approach the end of, what is probably, the busiest term of the school year. A term in which great plans are put into place and we set the tone and build the foundations for the rest of the year.

Many of you will be pleased to learn that the new arrangements at lunchtimes appear to be working very well, and that students have plenty of time to obtain their food and to sit down and eat it without having to queue for ages and without having to eat too quickly. Our student numbers continue to grow steadily – and this is no bad thing – and we have to respond to this by changing our systems at times.

It is remarkably warm for the time of year. I think we can safely assume, however, that the cold weather will arrive at some point in the new term and that there will be snow and ice on the roads. If it is essential that you drive your children to school then it may be best to drop them on Hibson Road rather than driving onto school premises.

Whatever the weather I would ask that, if you are bringing your car onto the school site, you respect the yellow lines and parking notices so that we avoid unnecessary congestion at the start and end of the school day.

I would like to thank, on all our behalves, all members of staff for their hard work this term not only in delivering engaging and purposeful lessons and for making Marsden Heights a happy and safe place to be, but also for the fantastic range of extra-curricular activities and events that have been provided across all areas of the school from which many of your children will have benefited this term. I will not list them all here but ask you to please visit the *Hoots* magazine and other areas of our college website to see some of these.

### **End of term arrangements**

The college will close early on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015** and therefore all students will be allowed to leave at 1.00pm. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, then arrangements will be made for him/her to collect a meal from the Catering Area as they leave the building.

Following the break, college will re-open to students on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016** and they should arrive promptly at **8.40 am and in full school uniform.**

May I wish you the compliments of the season and we look forward to seeing your child back in college in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

I C Adlington,  
Headteacher.