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Dear Parents/Carers,

End of term arrangements

Wednesday, 21st December 2016 is the last day of the autumn term. Please find below a plan of the day:

08:50	Registration
08:55	Timetabled lesson (Period 1)
09:55	Timetabled lesson (Period 2)
10:55 – 11:25	Extended break time
11:25	Timetabled lesson (Period 3)
12:25 – 12:40	Form time
12:40	End of school day

The bus companies have been advised of the arrangements and will be on site at 12.40pm.

New Year arrangements

The Academy will re-open for the spring term on Tuesday, 3rd January 2017 at 8.50am. In our first assemblies of the New Year uniforms will be checked and pupils will be disciplined for any breach of the uniform policy. Please help your son/daughter by ensuring they have the correct tie and are wearing their blazers. We will also be checking footwear, so please may I remind you that plimsolls, boots or trainers are NOT allowed. Luminous laces and gloves are not part of the uniform. Coats, hair bands, scarves and gloves should all be dark colours (navy or black). Jewellery will be confiscated for safe keeping in the office, noticeable make-up will have to be washed off and nail varnish removed. False nails are not allowed as they are a danger to pupils especially in sport and practical lessons.

Emerson Park Academy takes the safety, security and wellbeing of its pupils, staff and facilities extremely seriously and it is in that regard that I would like parents and pupils to consider whether it is wise to bring into school i-phones / smart phones and other electronic devices. Whilst we make every effort to try and encourage pupils to hand such items in to be securely stored during lessons and extra-curricular activities, many pupils decline and put their valuables at risk. The message is continually driven across to pupils by staff asking them to hand in items of value; posters are also displayed to underpin this message. Pupils who bring personal items into the Academy do so at their own risk; the Academy cannot accept any responsibility for items that are lost, stolen or damaged if the guidelines are not followed. Being mindful of Christmas approaching, I am strongly recommending that pupils do not bring in any gifts of high monetary value in the New Year, if this advice is disregarded then I would suggest insurance being taken out to cover their possible loss or damage.



We also have a large quantity of lost property and there have been occasions where pupils inadvertently pick up/take home someone else's clothing. Many such items are returned to the school but we have no way of identifying who they belong to. Writing the pupil's name on a label or using name tags would help returning such items to the owner.

Forthcoming Events

Title	Start Time	End Time
Year 11 Mock French Speaking exams	09/01/2017 00:00	13/01/2017 23:59
BTEC Construction Technology Unit 1	09/01/2017 09:00	09/01/2017 10:00
Year 11 Mock Results Day	09/01/2017 14:30	09/01/2017 15:30
OCR: ICT: Understanding Computer Systems	10/01/2017 09:00	10/01/2017 10:00
Year 9 Parents' Evening	26/01/2017 16:00	26/01/2017 19:45
Year 11 Reports published	27/01/2017 00:00	27/01/2017 23:59
Year 10 Parents' Evening	09/02/2017 16:00	09/02/2017 19:45
Half Term Holiday	11/02/2017 00:00	19/02/2017 23:59
Staff Inset Day	20/02/2017 00:00	20/02/2017 23:59
Year 8 Parents' Evening	23/02/2017 16:00	23/02/2017 19:45
Year 11 Photograph	08/03/2017 12:00	08/03/2017 15:30
Year 7 Parents' Evening	23/03/2017 16:00	23/03/2017 19:45
Staff Inset Day	31/03/2017 00:00	31/03/2017 23:59
Easter Holiday	01/04/2017 15:00	17/04/2017 15:00
MFL Trip to Nice	05/04/2017 00:00	08/04/2017 23:59

Farewells

As is regrettable but understandable at the end of any school term we have to say goodbye to members of our staff team. At the end of this academic term we are saying goodbye to Mrs Kirwan, Teacher of English and Literacy Co-ordinator, Mrs Crossman, Teacher of Science. We wish them every success for the future.

New members of staff

The following members of staff will be joining us in January 2017:

Mrs P Gilroy – Lead Practitioner in Mathematics Faculty


Mrs S Groves – Teacher of Mathematics

Miss E Fuller – Lead Practitioner in English Faculty

Mrs A Martin – Teacher of English

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I shall look forward to welcoming all pupils back after the Christmas holidays.

Yours sincerely,



Scott McGuinness
Head Teacher