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Dear Parents

As you will be aware, the autumn term finishes for Christmas on Friday, 21st December. Students will be dismissed after lunch, at the slightly earlier time of 1.15pm. The new spring term begins for all students on Tuesday, 8th January 2019 at 8.40 am.

This half term

Newall Green High School staff and students have, as usual, been busy this term with many activities in addition to teaching and learning. Next week, is as busy as ever:

Monday 17th December Rewards Activities.

Tuesday 18th December Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day (school uniform still to be worn).

Thursday 20th December Celebration Assemblies and Cake Sale (in support of Parkinson's UK).

Friday 21st December Christmas Celebration and Christmas themed fancy dress (£1 donation for fancy dress).

Uniform in the final week

Can I stress that uniform **MUST** be worn throughout the final week, with the exception of Friday for anyone that wishes to wear Christmas themed fancy dress in support of Parkinson's UK. Students can also wear Christmas jumpers on Tuesday, but on Tuesday, the **rest of school uniform must be worn including their blazer.**

Charities

We are proud that Newall Green High School raises a large amount for charity. We are currently supporting the Key 103 Mission Christmas Toy Appeal which has seen toys/presents being brought into school by our own students and staff, the final day for donation is on Tuesday 18th December 2018. During the last week we are also continuing to fundraise for Parkinson's UK, supporting Margaret Risk who many of you will know as a past member of staff at Newall Green.

Uniform and appearance

I would like to thank you once again for your support in helping us to maintain high standards with regard to uniform and appearance. There has been a huge improvement in the overall appearance of our students this term and we have seen very few students wearing jewellery, with hooded tops, incorrect footwear, and in possession of mobile phones. If you need to check uniform rules, information is available on our website.

Reading, Vocabulary & Revision

Our whole-school drive to improve our students' literacy is still in full-flow and we are working hard to improve our students' reading ages. As part of our Book Buzz initiative, **all Year 7s and Year 8s will be bringing home a Christmas present from school that they can read over the holidays.** As a parent, you can have a powerful impact on your child's progress so please encourage them to do their minimum of **10-20 minutes home reading** each day over the holidays.

Also over the Christmas holidays, we have set some **home learning challenges for all year groups** [see below] to help our students to continue to make good progress and to avoid the holiday 'dip'. There will

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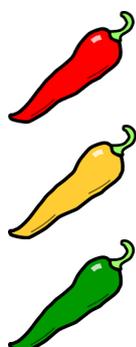
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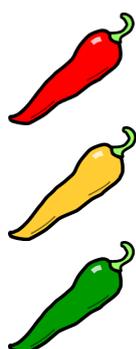
be individual rewards [STRIVE points, vouchers to spend and film reward afternoons] in the New Year for individual students and form groups with the highest usage.

Christmas Challenges for **Years 7 and Year 8:**



Home Reading + Bedrock		
Read your Christmas gift <u>and</u> complete a Reading Record entry.	+	8 sessions [20 minutes each]
Read your Christmas gift <u>and</u> complete a Reading Record entry.	+	6 sessions [20 minutes each]
Read your Christmas gift from school <u>and</u> complete a Reading Record entry.	+	4 sessions [20 minutes each]

Christmas Challenges for **Years 9, 10 and 11:**



Bedrock		The 100 GCSE POD Challenge
10 sessions [20 minutes each]	+	100 Pods = 5 hours
8 sessions [20 minutes each]	+	80 Pods = 4 hours
6 sessions [20 minutes each]	+	40 Pods = 2 hours

Spring Term Calendar

I am pleased to attach a copy of the calendar for your information. The calendar outlines all of the key events and activities taking place next term. I would encourage you to support and attend each event appropriate to your child. Further details on the school year and calendar can be found on the school website.

As a school, we are determined to continue on our journey to ensure that Newall Green High School is providing the very best education for every child. I am confident that we can achieve this with the support of our students and you as parents, and I would like to thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Finally, I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful, healthy and hopefully successful New Year.

With very best wishes,

Kyra Jones
Head of School