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Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to share information about the end of term and start of the new term in January and to wish all our families an enjoyable Christmas break. I would also like to thank parents who attended the presentation at the beginning of December and took part in the discussions about progress and the curriculum at William Ellis. We will be providing a summary of these discussions and actions resulting in the Spring term.

#### **Winter Entertainment Evening – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Thank you to all those who attended the Winter Entertainment Evening yesterday. It was a fabulous event led by Mr Pratt, Mr Forbat and Mr Singleton. Thank you to WESPA who provided refreshments and sought amazing prizes for the WESPA raffle.

#### **Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Today students enjoyed a special Christmas lunch served in the canteen. Tony Gordon and our catering team provided some splendid seasonal dishes.

#### **WESPA – William Ellis School Parents Association**

I am very grateful for the support that WESPA continues to provide to the school. It strengthens our community and their support goes well beyond simple fundraising. For example, WESPA liaise with the Student Council to find out what improvements the boys would like to see. As well as providing refreshments at numerous school events, they organize fun runs, table top sales, festive pop-up shops for students and the Winter raffle. Their table-top sales in the school hall have been very successful and we thank all those that came along to last Saturday's table top sale.

#### **Arrangements for the last day of term Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

This will be a sponsored non-uniform day and we would like boys to wear a Christmas jumper, if possible, in support of **Christmas Jumper Day**. In return for not wearing uniform we would like a contribution of £1. All monies collected will go to **Shelter** and **Save the Children** charities.

Students will be dismissed via the back gate in year groups between 12.45pm and 1pm.

A cold lunch service will be available from 1.00 – 1.20pm in the canteen and all boys will be off site by 1.30pm.

#### **Building Programme for William Ellis and Parliament Hill Schools**

The new Sixth Form Centre shared between students at William Ellis and Parliament Hill schools opened at the start of September, providing high quality classrooms and a large sixth-form study area. It really has enhanced what we can offer our sixth formers especially in supporting their independent work outside the classroom.

Our new North wing opened in November, this houses a new dance and drama studio on the first floor and a music suite on the ground floor. We now have top quality accommodation for these subjects.

Improvement work is continuing next term with the fitting out of our new cooking facility.

We are grateful to Camden and the Camden Community Investment Programme which has funded these much needed improvements.

### **Lost Property**

We have a huge collection of lost property – especially outdoor coats lost by boys this term and not claimed. Can you please ask you son to check the lost property cupboard in the Learning Resources Centre to search any items they might have lost since the start of term.

### **Events Next Term**

A calendar of events is enclosed for next term. Please do check our website for updates and newsletters.

### **WES App - Reminder**

We frequently update our school website to bring you the latest school news, events, and important information affecting you. Associated with the website is an App for your mobile phone which will give you a notification if there is important news on the school website. The app is free from the iOS and Google Play App Stores. To download the app, simply go to the respective app store and search for 'School News'. Once the app has been downloaded, enter our school postcode to subscribe to updates and opt into push notifications, allowing you to receive instant updates on important news, such as school closures, exams and events.

### **Staff Professional Development Days**

The school will close to students early on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 12.15pm** for staff professional development. There will also be a late start (11am) for students in February and the date will be confirmed shortly.

### **New Term, New Year**

Finally, a reminder that students return to school after the break on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January (Week A)** with a **normal start time of 8.30am**.

All at the school wish you and your family a very enjoyable Christmas break and very best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher

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