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Dear Parents

This will be the last time that I shall write to you in 2019.

It has been an extremely busy week with much activity centred around examinations. After much anticipation the Year 12 and Year 13 began their examinations in earnest. The planning and logistics that have gone into the Year 11, 12 and 13 being able to sit the examinations in the sports hall has been truly phenomenal. Our deepest thanks to Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lines and Mr Evans for their Herculean efforts in ensuring that our students can sit their examinations distress free.

Carol Service

Despite the looming examinations, many of our Sixth Form Musicians took time away from revision to entertain our congregation at the Evening Carol Service in Mossley Hill Church. It was an evening that was a delight to the senses. We look forward to a similar rendition next Wednesday.

Sport

The 1st and 2nd XV played against St Anselm's School in the last fixture of 2019. Our club Captain Sebastian C has written his last missive of the year. I would like to thank Sebastian for his excellent reports.

Oxbridge Interviews

In addition to the pressure of examination preparation, seven Year 13 travelled to either Oxford or Cambridge to endure the rigours of their interview processes. It has been extremely stressful for our students and they prepared well for this 'grilling'. Whatever the outcome we are very proud of our students. We hope that we will receive some good news in the New Year. Our thanks to the Principal, Mr Leeder and the Sixth Form Tutors you have worked for months to help prepare our students for this process.

UCAS

There are still a number of UCAS applications to be sent. I realise that many of you are awaiting the results of these examinations to prove that your son or daughter can achieve the grade prediction they desire. In preparation for sending the UCAS application in January please ensure that your application form is completed and all that is required is the inputting of the predicted grade. The UCAS deadline is the 15th January 2020.

Election

Our thanks to Mr Hutchinson who organised an excellent election  in the College. The result was a victory for Labour. The only positive aspect of our recent Parliamentary and electoral discourse is that our young men and women are more engaged than ever before in the politics of our great nation. It is with great delight that a Year 7 all the way through to the vanguard of the school, our Sixth Form, have an understanding of the Political narrative that for many generations was only confined to students of this genre.

As we approach the holiday period and the rest that we so richly deserve. I would like to say a huge thank you for all your support this term. I truly believe that I have the best job in the College, only enhanced by our wonderful Sixth Form family. You as parents are stalwarts and friends who understand our mission which is to propel these wonderful children into adulthood with all the means to be fulfilled and succeed.

I wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas.

**Stephen Brady
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