



Thriftwood

School and College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this term, I would like to take this opportunity to share some important updates and look ahead to the next term.

I am delighted to announce that Mrs. Clarke, from the college site, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl at the end of November. Both mother and daughter are doing well. To cover her absence, we have welcomed Mr. Forde to the college site.

On a bittersweet note, we will be saying farewell to Mrs. Evanson, who is leaving us to pursue a career in the area of mental health. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Hance as the new class teacher in Crow Class. Unfortunately, we are also bidding farewell to Mrs. Gomez who has been a learning mentor on the college site. We are currently in the process of recruiting for this position, as well as for support staff on the school site and hope to have these posts filled in the new year.

Looking ahead to the new term, we are excited to begin with a special week-long focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing at the school site. This will be an opportunity for our students to explore ways to care for themselves and others, with a focus on both physical and mental health. Following this, we will embark on our term-long topics.

At the college site, we continue to strengthen our careers curriculum. Year 12 learners will be preparing for their block of work experience in February, while other year groups will continue to develop work-related skills through their options lessons and across various subjects.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and partnership work this term. Our attendance data remains excellent, and with the continued presence of our students at school and college, we are confident they will reach their full potential.

A quick reminder that the last day of term is Friday, 20th December, with an early finish at lunchtime. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, 6th January.

Wishing you all a peaceful and restful holiday season. We look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and ready for the New Year.

Warm regards

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