

19 December 2019

Dear Families,

Every day I have the privilege of walking around the school, talking to staff and students alike, sharing in their learning and experiences. Not one day goes by where I fail to be impressed by our students who demonstrate kindness, resilience and pride in their work and our school.

I am equally impressed with the hard work and dedication our staff put in to supporting our students to believe that 'anything is possible'. Some of those staff you may never get to see. They are often the unsung heroes. Our receptionists; teaching assistants; pastoral teams; administration and communication teams; site team; finance; technicians; reprographics; cleaners and caterers. Each of these roles supports our young people every day, either directly or indirectly and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all that they do.

Equally, our teaching staff continue to use their expertise, knowledge, and dedication to guide students through the curriculum, imparting their love of learning their specialist subject. Many staff also take time out during break, lunch, after school or even at weekends and holidays to put on additional enriching opportunities and mentoring.

I hope you will join me in wishing them all a heartfelt rest during this festive season, putting aside the emails, lesson plans and to-do lists, and enjoying time with friends, family and not forgetting, pets!

Some of the highlights of this term have been included receiving our Commendation in the Excellence in Careers Awards for Best School; hosting fully packed Open Evenings, mornings and Sixth Form Open Evening; sharing in the success of students at the Cross Country National Finals; more students than ever completing their Duke of Edinburgh Awards and hosting visits from guests such as Rt Hon Dame Cheryl Gillan and Sir John Holman from the Gatsby Foundation and a large numbers of volunteers from business who we are always grateful for their on-going support. Every day is a busy day at The Misbourne as we look to enrich our students learning experiences.

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Finally, I would like to thank all of our families for your continued support. We launched our new Make the Grade Evenings this term and have had excellent feedback from Year 9, 11 and 12 families who have attended and it was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas Concert earlier this week.

As we sign off on 2019, all that is left to say is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a restful break. I for one will be enjoying time with family and taking long walks with my dog, Archie in the Yorkshire Dales.

We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 6 January 2020.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Jo Meloni  
Headteacher

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