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10th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Once again, we are all very much looking forward to the Christmas holiday after a long and very challenging autumn term for everyone. I would like to pass on my thanks to everyone involved in the Kelvin Hall community for all the support, hard work and dedication this term. As ever, school life has been busy and diverse; but our students have adapted and coped well with the new routines and changes to learning both in school and at home.

Over the last term, a number of our year groups have spent time learning from home, continuing their learning using the resources and live lessons provided through Google Classroom. We would like to say special thanks for your support this term and for the valuable feedback you provided about our home learning arrangements. We have been continually impressed with the students' commitment to and enthusiasm for learning from home. Please note, additional learning resources will not be provided over the Christmas period and we strongly encourage students to take a break from their learning.

#### Recent Government Update

On Tuesday the 8th December 2020, all Schools were asked by the Department for Education to consider closing to students at the end of Thursday 17th December and turning Friday 18th December into a non-teaching training day. The recommendation for FE colleges is that they also close to students on Thursday 17th December. The rationale for this is that Public Health England have agreed a six-day window, after the final day of teaching, in which schools are required to remain contactable to assist with contact tracing. School leaders will then be on call until the end of Wednesday 23 December.

This concession still leaves school and college leaders potentially having to undertake contact tracing for a significant proportion of the first week of the holiday. It also leaves us responsible, at very short notice, for informing families that they **may** need to self-isolate over the Christmas period if we receive a positive confirmation and 'contacts' are traced (this, I believe, is not the position schools and families should have been placed in over the Christmas period).

Therefore, the school will now close on **Thursday 17th December 2020** with all students leaving at their normal finish time. It may be likely that some other secondary schools in the city and the East Riding may be closing on this date.

To finish this term in a positive way and to support our local community, we would like to have a non-uniform (Christmas Jumper) day on Thursday 17th December 2020. All money raised will go towards supporting the elderly in our local community and Hull Foodbank - a local charity that aims to end hunger and poverty in Hull. Kelvin Hall's fundraising always reflects our students' commitment and their generosity in helping others. All donations will be collected at the start of the day as students line up outside the front of school.

#### Key Dates and Events

Year 11 students are completing their **Mock GCSE examinations from Monday 7th - Thursday 17th December 2020** and their commitment to their studies and efforts in exams so far has been very impressive. Mock Results





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will be given out during the afternoon of Monday 18th January 2021 and will be followed by a remote Parents' Evening to discuss these results in more detail. This event has been extremely successful in previous years to help focus those all-important final months of preparation for GCSE exams. We will contact parents and carers of Year 11 students separately with full details of the day.

**Year 7 - 11 students are to return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021**, usual lessons will commence for all year groups and all start, break and lunch times will remain the same as in the current half term.

Finally, I would like to wish all parents, carers and students a very happy and peaceful Christmas holiday. We look forward to seeing all students return to school after a well-earned break, refreshed and ready for the spring term.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Cavanagh'.

Mr P. Cavanagh  
Executive Headteacher

