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Dear parents and carers,

With the end of term nearly upon us, I wanted to write to wish you all a Merry Christmas.

The festive spirit has certainly been with us at JMHS this week. Our Christmas Fair, held on Monday, was a joy, and it was wonderful to see so many children participating whether through running stalls, supporting their friends, or enjoying the festivities. The fair raised approximately £1,000 for charity: an incredible achievement. I'm sincerely grateful to Mrs Males and the Enterprise Club for running this event.

As I write today, 71 students are busy rehearsing for our Christmas Concert. I'm excited to see them perform tonight at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, and looking forward to taking all our students there tomorrow to enjoy the concert. They will spend the rest of the day in their year groups, with lots of time to celebrate the many successes from this term. I hope that they have a great day, and then a brilliant holiday with you.

### **Last day of term arrangements**

Can I please remind you that tomorrow, Friday 19 December, is the last day of term and Christmas Jumper Day. Students should wear their normal school uniform, just replace their school jumper with a Christmas one or decorate their school jumper with Christmas items. The school day will finish at 12:40pm for Years 7-9 and 12:45pm for Years 10-13. All buses will be picking up from school at 12:45pm, apart from the DRM 232 Daffodil Line which will be leaving the Market House in Ledbury at 1:10pm.

### **Staffing changes**

Tomorrow, we will be saying goodbye to Dr Clegg, who will be leaving us at the end of this term. We wish her the best of luck and thank her for the exceptional way she has supported students and colleagues in the school. In turn, we will be joined by Mr Duggan, an experienced teacher of computing.

These changes in staffing will lead to some timetable changes, as we've rearranged staffing to make sure that there are still specialist teachers on all GCSE and A-level classes. These new timetables will be visible online with an effective date of Monday 5 January 2025, and we will print off new timetables for students on the first day back.

### **First day of term**

The first day of term for students will be Tuesday 6 January, as Monday 5 January is an INSET day. We look forward to seeing the children then. In the meantime, I hope they, and you, have a wonderful fortnight.

Yours sincerely,

John Holmes  
Headteacher