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Dear Parent/Carer

End of Term Arrangements

As we draw to the end of this busy term, I would like to make you aware of important information in response to the DfE guidance issued yesterday. All schools in our Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust will take a teacher training day, delivered online on Friday, 18 December 2020. This will mean that students will be breaking up for the Christmas holidays on Thursday, 17 December at 3.00pm, with the usual school transport being provided. **This day will be a normal uniform day.**

St John's will be closed over the whole of the Christmas holiday, however, if you need to contact us, please use the staff@stjohnsrc.org.uk account. Following the Christmas period, **students will return to school on Tuesday, 5 January 2021.** Year 11 mock examinations will begin on this day.

We would like to thank and congratulate our students on their achievements and endeavours since September. Subject teachers have been very impressed by the tremendous efforts and hard work shown by many students and we are delighted that we can celebrate their commitment to their studies, despite the difficulties they have faced.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and understanding during this term. We know it has been a difficult time for students, families and staff as we continue to operate with restrictions but we hope that, by working together, we can deal with every challenge that comes our way. As always, the well-being and education of our young people are our priorities and we will continue to operate with their best interests at heart.

On behalf of all the Governors and staff at St John's, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy, peaceful and safe Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Byron
Headteacher