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Date: 18th December 2013

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very restful holiday.

Thank you for your support this term. It has been a very busy time, and I am sure that you will read our latest newsletter with interest. There has been so much going on! On that note, I would like to extend my thanks to staff for all their hard work and for ensuring that students do their very best. I know students and staff are feeling ready for a break.

The newsletter contains diary dates and the usual reminders. Uniform expectations can be clarified in the student planner – please, check these carefully. Homework tasks can be checked via Insight. If you need a new log in for Insight, please contact the school office this week so that this can be resolved for you.

At the end of term, we say goodbye to the following staff:

Mr Edmonds - who moves to a local school

Miss Ocego - who is moving closer to home in Manchester

Mr Snape - who moves to a local school

Mr Keay - one of our music peripatetic teachers, who is retiring from the post

Ms Copeland

Mrs Dalby

We welcome:

Ms J Managh - as Head of Science

Mrs P Beech - as second in Science

Mr A Scott - Science teacher

Mrs K Roebuck - as second in English

Mrs J O'Brien - English teacher

Mrs F Brown - MFL teacher

Over Christmas, Year 11 students should be embarking on revision. There are Maths examinations for some in early January (Friday 10th & Wednesday 15th), and the run up to the main GCSE exams begins in earnest early next term. Also for your diary, Year 10 have a mock Science exam on Wednesday 15th January. Please, encourage your son/daughter to start revising. We also get some very important English and Maths results during the first week back after Christmas, for our Year 11 students. To support students further, we are holding a very motivational day for Year 10 and Year 11 students at the end of the first week back after Christmas, when we welcome The Fixup Team to Ruskin. I feel sure that this day will further encourage our youngsters to do their very best.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Tuesday 7th January, 2014**. We will be on **Week 2** of the timetable when we return.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'E. S. Brett'.

E S Brett
Headteacher