



16th December 2020

End of Autumn Term Letter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we approach the last day of this Autumn term, very different than any other we have experienced, I want to extend a sincere thank you to you all. The students have consistently demonstrated a mature approach to the changes in College life, a continued dedication to their studies, and a determination to build a Notre Dame community whilst working within the pandemic restrictions.

The College has managed to offer a full face-to-face timetable since the start of term, with blended learning for any student who has had to self-isolate, which, quite frankly, if you had asked in week one whether we would still be offering this by Christmas, I wouldn't have been able to answer you confidently! I am sure that as parents and carers you would like me to thank, on your behalf, all the staff at Notre Dame for their hard work, commitment and relentless positivity to make the teaching and learning work under these conditions.

We have also managed to have at our core throughout all this, our mission of being a community based on faith, hope and love. We have raised money for charities, made Christmas cards for our elderly community because we couldn't hold the annual 'Forever Young' party, collected and delivered numerous donations for local foodbanks, and also managed to hold a virtual 'duck race' to raise money for Children in Need!

All-in-all it has been a phenomenal achievement and a phenomenal term. Thank you.

I wish all of you and your families a safe and joyous Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Barlow
PRINCIPAL