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Dear Parent / Carer

It has been an excellent end to 2016!

The students at the Academy have had many achievements this year. Our Year 7 students have settled well and already become an integral part of the school. Their enthusiasm and energy have spread throughout the Academy and they are a joy to teach. The Year 11 students have completed their mock exams and we look forward to the outcome of their effort which will give a clear target on which to focus whilst continuing to encourage them to develop their revision skills and the supporting ethos for hard work.

In my first two terms at The Bulwell Academy, I have seen standards continue to rise. Punctuality has significantly improved and I thank you for your support in helping us to achieve this. Despite a sickness bug hitting Nottingham in November, our students have shown their determination and resilience through their excellent attendance.

Further improvement strategies are in development for 2017 and I am keen to ensure that parents are kept up-to-date and fully informed. Our new Facebook page @BulwellAcademy has been very well received. We will be using this page as well as our website, Twitter messages and texting service to let you know about all the exciting events to come and the achievements of Academy students.

The form tutor role is being developed to ensure you have a personal link with the Academy. Our form tutors are your first point of contact for any issues or concerns but, equally, will be in touch to highlight successes your child may have had.

I have been very impressed by the pride our students are taking in their uniform and appearance. It is right that we insist on high standards and continue to raise expectations in order to ensure our students fully realise their potential. On our return in January, we will be having another push to ensure all students are dressed in the correct uniform with no additions. I ask parents to review the uniform requirements on the Academy website, especially with regard to jewellery and school shoes. There has been a small number of students who have needed to be reminded about wearing false nails or coloured nail varnish. This is not suitable for school and your support in addressing this is greatly appreciated.

The Bulwell Academy Christmas Fair and Pantomime were a huge success with fantastic attendance from the local community. My thanks go to all the students and staff who participated in making these festive events so memorable whilst raising essential funds for the Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank.

On behalf of all the staff at the Academy, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Ian Williams
Principal