

9 December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

## End of Term

As we approach the end of this term, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support throughout the school year. Your partnership plays a vital role in helping our students thrive, and we are truly grateful for all you do.

When we return in the new year, our key priorities will remain focused on **improving attendance, developing a love of reading and raising aspirations for every student**. These areas are essential to ensuring that our young people have the best possible start in life, and we ask for your ongoing support in reinforcing these goals at home.

We are incredibly proud of our students — their hard work, respect, resilience, and ambition inspire us every day. Together, we can help them achieve their full potential.

Term ends on **Thursday 18 December at 12.05pm**. Students can have lunch before leaving for the holidays. It's Christmas jumper and/or non-uniform day. Staff and students are encouraged to donate new items like non-perishable food, books, or board games.

Attendance to school in the final week is as important as any other time. Teachers often use this time to review key concepts and reinforce learning, ensuring students have a solid understanding of the material covered throughout the term. It provides an opportunity for students to reflect on their achievements, celebrate their progress, and gain a sense of closure before the break.

## Please be aware of the following expectations when they return:

- Students return to school on **Monday 5 January 2025** at the usual time of **8.35am** on the yard to start lessons at **8.40am**.
- **Mobile phones** must be turned off and in bags as soon as students enter the school site. The mobile phone policy can be found [here](#).
- Next term students who are late to school (8.40am-9.00am) on three occasions will occur a C3 - 60 minute detention. Break time detentions will not continue.
- **Jewellery, other than a wristwatch, is not permitted** and must be removed before entering the school building.
- **Acrylic Nails:** Please ensure that your child does not attend school with acrylic or artificial nails. These can interfere with participation in school activities and are not in line with our uniform policy.
- **Piercings:** For safety and uniformity, piercings are not allowed. Any piercings must be removed before your child enters the school site.
- The [Behaviour for Learning](#) has been updated and approved by Governors. It is now available on the school website.

#### Key dates

- 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Year 11 Parents' Evening (3.30-6.00pm)
- 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Year 9 Parents' Evening (3.30-6.00pm)
- 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Year 9 Options Evening (3.30-6.00pm)

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from everyone at Jarrow School.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Atkinson  
Head Teacher