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To: Parents/Guardians of all enrolled students
Cc: Bursar

December 2021

End of Term

As we reach the end of 2021 I would like to take the opportunity to thank all parents and guardians for their support this year and wish everyone an enjoyable Christmas break. This has been a very challenging term and I am very proud of students and staff for all their hard work during this time.

We are seeing an increase in cases of COVID 19 across the community and we hope that all members of the College community have a safe and enjoyable Christmas break. There is uncertainty about what the New Year brings and we have contingencies in place for all students should any period of remote learning be required. At present we have no information that this will be the case but need to be prepared for all eventualities.

School will finish for all students on Monday 20th December at 11.45am which will be a non uniform day. The only transport available on Monday will be the depot bus which will then allow students to transfer on from there. If your child gets a bus or taxi organised by EA it will need to be arranged separately with the driver. Students will not be penalised for their attendance if transport is not available on this day. All students are due to return on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Other notable dates for the month of January 2022:

- Wednesday 12th January 2022 – **Only Year 12 in school** for careers event until 12.15pm. Open Night for P7 students.
- Monday 31st January 2022 – Year 8 Parental Consultations (online – information will be sent to all parents to make appointments)

If you have any concerns or queries over the Christmas break please contact us on info@blackwateric.downpatrick.ni.sch.uk or via private message on the school Facebook page.

Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Stephen Taylor
Principal

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