



## THE PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Part of The Good Shepherd Catholic Trust

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This month we enter the season of Advent. Students and staff have been preparing through our actions and deeds for the birth of Our Lord. Advent is our time of joyful waiting for the real present that awaits us. Students continue to demonstrate our commitment to fundraise for various charities, including our annual Christmas hampers, Shoe Box Appeal and Christmas card sale. Our RE department has focussed this year on how our various family cultures from around the world will be celebrating Christmas. I am very proud of all our students for their efforts and thank you for your continued support.

### **Christmas Events**

Christmas Jumper Day – We will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December in aid of Save the Children. Students wishing to take part can wear a Christmas jumper under their blazers and donate £1. Please note this is **not** a non-uniform day.

Christmas Carol Service – Due to the current Covid situation, we have decided not to hold our annual Christmas Carol Service as usual this year. However, the Music department will be producing a pre-recorded service which will be available on the academy website soon.

Non-Uniform Day – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December will be a non-uniform day and students will be asked to donate £1, which will be collected by the students' form tutors. Students who do not bring £1 should attend in full uniform. All monies received will be in aid of our chosen advent charities.

### **Staff Update**

We say goodbye to the following staff who will be leaving us at Christmas:

Mr McHugh – Assistant Head KS5  
Mrs Gorshia – Maths

We welcome the following staff who will join us in the Spring term:

Ms Hussain – Maths Teacher  
Ms Dudley – Science Lab Technician

### **Term Dates**

I enclose the term dates for the next academic year from September 2022 to July 2023. These are also available on the website.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Downey  
Headteacher