



5 December 2019

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers,

As you know, we usually take Years 7 to 10, and 12 and 13 to Durham Cathedral on the last day of term for our Christmas Carol Service. Despite the huge size of the Cathedral, we are not able to fit the whole school in as well as inviting parents of performers and Year 7 pupils. As in 2018, Year 11 will, therefore, be in school while the rest of the school is at the Cathedral. Along with the rest of the school, Year 11 students will attend normal lessons for the first part of the day. After break, this will be followed by 2 sessions on career choices, apprenticeships and the world of work. The sessions will be led by school staff together with external specialists and professionals.

With regard to arrangements for school transport, school buses will be re-directed to New Elvet to collect the majority of the pupils attending the Carol Service. Year 11 students will be dismissed from school in time for them to walk down to the city to catch a bus. As the majority of staff, except for those leading the in-school sessions will be occupied in the Cathedral, we cannot offer any supervision for Year 11 students in the city centre. It is important that Year 11 students who are walking into town go directly to New Elvet (opposite the Police Station) to catch their bus and not to Palace Green to wait for friends or siblings.

These arrangements worked very well last year and we hope that they will do so again. Thank you for your co-operation.

We will write to you in January about our plans to support students and parents in the final stages of Year 11.

It remains for me to thank you for your ongoing support for the school, and to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully,

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