

# Aspire

to excellence



# Welcome

to the Christmas edition of our newsletter 'Aspire'



At Christmas time I often think of the old proverb that says 'You give not to receive'. Our students understand this more than most! They are frequently praised by visitors to the Academy regarding how polite and well-mannered they are.

They are a credit to their school, families and community and they continue to make me proud every day.

I am never prouder of them than at this time of year when their kindness towards others shines through. It is a Maritime tradition for the Academy to host a Christmas party for the Children of the local primary schools and to serve a meal for residents from our local retirement homes. It is thanks to the generous efforts of our staff and students that these wonderful acts of giving are possible. I thank them all.

We look forward to seeing the lucky students who will receive a free alternative Christmas dinner on Friday 28th December. Thanks to Tesco, the Lions Club International and a number of our staff and their families, as we will be joined by wives, husbands, children and parents of our colleagues who will be giving up their precious time to help prepare, cook and serve a selection of our students. It really will be a family affair and we are very grateful to everyone who has offered to help. I am sure it will be a wonderful day.

With 2018 drawing to a close it is appropriate to reflect on what has been a year of many highlights for the Academy:

- Our attendance has improved dramatically and is now broadly in line with national average.
- As I write we have the lowest number of Fixed Term Exclusions of any secondary school in North East Lincolnshire.
- Our provisional Progress 8 score, shows the second biggest improvement in NE Lincolnshire and the second biggest improvement across the Ormiston Academies Trust.
- The percentage of our students achieving the new benchmark of a grade 5 in English and Maths shows the second biggest improvement in North East Lincolnshire.

We look forward to further improvements and successes in 2019.

These achievements are testimony to the hard work of our students. I thank them for their efforts and for being the wonderful young people that they are. They make me proud every day. Their achievements are of course only possible due to the hard work and commitment of our dedicated team of staff who work tirelessly to support our students. I appreciate all that they do. Finally, I would like to thank our parents and carers, for their continued support. It is an honour to serve our community. On behalf of our students, staff, Governors and Ormiston Academies Trust I wish you all a restful and peaceful holiday.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kevin Gallacher  
Principal

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### UPCOMING TERM DATES FOR 2018/19

TERM NO.	OPEN	CLOSE
Term 1	5th September 18	15th October 18
Term 2	29th October 18	21st December 18
Term 3	8th January 19	15th February 19
Term 4	25th February 19	5th April 19
Term 5	23rd April 19	24th May 19
Term 6	3rd June 19	19th July 19

# Photos

What we've been up to this term



