



## HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

PDR /JDN

13 December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy term, I would like to update you on a few matters.

### **Ranked No.2 School in the North of England**

You may well have seen in the press, that in the Sunday Times Parent Power survey, published last weekend, we are in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the whole of the North of England. The survey based on a combination of GCSE and A level outcomes in 2022, is widely regarded as the definitive national survey. As such we are delighted with the ranking and progress made to achieve this. As we have frequently said, the success is very much attributable to students, staff and importantly, parents working together to get the best out of each other. There is no question, during the last 2 very difficult years, we have done this with aplomb, and it has certainly paid dividends.

### **Charity Events**

So far this year, we have raised over £4000 for charities including, the Pakistan Flood Appeal, the Poppy Appeal, Children in Need and Save the Children. Given the difficult economic conditions we are all facing at the moment, this is a tremendous achievement. Additional to this, we have filled 2 van loads of food and gifts for the local Salvation Army. We are incredibly grateful to all parents and carers for your support in these initiatives.

### **Christmas**

And so, we are nearly there, and it will soon be Christmas. The autumn term is renowned for being a tough one, in so much it is typically the longest one and we pack in a huge amount of teaching and extra-curricular activities – which now exceeds 50 different clubs and societies. Coupled to the increasingly challenging weather and seasonal ailments it can prove hard work for all concerned. Nevertheless, it has been a very successful period indeed and we look forward to the New Year with great enthusiasm and excitement.

**As a reminder, as is our usual custom, we will be finishing school after our final assembly at 12.20pm this Friday 16 December. We commence the new term on Tuesday 3 January 2023.**

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From all the staff at Heckmondwike Grammar School, I wish you a lovely festive break with your families and a safe and happy 2023.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Peter Roberts

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