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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the autumn term, our students and apprentices have had an excellent start to the new academic year; building new friendships, developing new and further skills, involving themselves in new experiences and clubs or activities and demonstrating a passion and dedication for learning.

As a student body, they have continued to help shape the curriculum, college culture and pastoral developments. They have continuously demonstrated their kindness by raising funds and support for many local and national charities. In addition to this, they have successfully represented themselves, the community, and the college at numerous external events such as the win at the WorldSkills UK competitions, participating in 'Question Time' panels alongside MP, Lisa Nandy and the Mayor of Manchester, Andy Burnham. In addition, they have attended the Young Person Employability Partnership events with international companies such as Boehringer Ingelheim and the national mental health charity, KOOTH. We all have much to be proud of as they continually strive to 'Be Brilliant'.

So, as we break for the festive season, here are a few updates for you in relation to our return in January which we hope you will find useful:

- We return on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> January and are looking forward to seeing all students and apprentices return on this week.
- We have a wide range of Motivational Workshops, Pop-up Events, Trips and Guest Speakers booked throughout the month of January alongside resources and dedicated quiet spaces for study to ensure that our learners have the best possible start to the new term.
- As we start to think about summer holiday post-Christmas, can we please remind you of the summer term GCSE maths & English exams dates which will not, and cannot, change:

#### **English Language**

Paper 1: *Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024*

Paper 2: *Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024*

#### **Maths**

Paper 1: *Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024*

Paper 2: *Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024*

Paper 3: *Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024*

- Did you know that you can read the latest Student Newsletter in the Parent / Guardian section of the college website? This addition is full of articles, useful information, helpline numbers and promotions and is planned and created *by* students *for* students with the help of dedicated staff.

Finally, as we wish you a very peaceful, happy and safe festive holiday, can we please take this opportunity to remind you that we are always here to help, should you ever need it. The Head of Studies Teams here at the college can be contacted via [HOS@wigan-leigh.ac.uk](mailto:HOS@wigan-leigh.ac.uk) who are always available in term time to help you to contact curriculum or support teams or with any other student/apprenticeship matter.

Yours sincerely,

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