



Sandringham School

'Everybody can be Somebody'

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter contains some important information about end of term arrangements and the start of the New Year in January 2019.

End of term arrangements (2018)

Awards Ceremony: Thursday, 20th December at 7.00pm in the main hall.

This is our main ceremony of the year where GCSE and A-level certificates are awarded, together with a number of special Faculty prizes.

Please note that the school day will end at 12.10pm. There will be no lunch service on this day. However, students will be able to purchase substantial snacks at break time. The E901 and E902 buses have been re-arranged to collect students at 12.10pm. All other bus routes will be as their printed timetable. If you are unable to make other arrangements, students may stay in school until 3pm.

Charity Morning/Last Day of Term: Friday, 21st December

This year we are raising money for MIND in Mid-Herts.

A wide range of fun events will be happening during the morning. Students are allowed to come in mufti on payment of £2 (£1 if wearing fancy dress).

School will finish at 12.20pm. Lunch will **not** be served. However, there will be substantial snacks available at break time. The E901 and E902 buses have been re-arranged to collect students at 12.20pm. All other bus routes will be as their printed timetable.

Staff changes

We say goodbye to Martin Petersen, Campus Manager, and we wish him a long and happy retirement. Claudia Robertson, one of our Science teachers, will not be returning from her maternity leave due to relocation and we wish her well in her new home.

In January we welcome to the school: Paul Chandler, the new Campus Manager, Amy Reader, Teacher of Science and Stephanie Quinn, Teacher of Drama. James Belmont has also re-joined the school staff as Assistant Network Manager.



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Arrangements for the start of the New Year (2019)

Uniform Standards

We have a fantastic uniform and students look extremely smart when wearing it correctly; please ensure you are familiar with our uniform requirements which are listed on our school website. Outdoor coats must be plain dark grey, navy or black in colour, with no logos or fur trim hoods. Hats and scarfs must be plain red or black.

I would be most grateful if parents could ensure their children have correct uniform and leave for school dressed appropriately each morning.

Parking Reminder

We do not allow parents to drive onto the campus in order to drop off or pick up their children and operate a ten-minute rule in favour of pedestrians at the end of the school day. Please do not park or drop off students across the school entrances or on the zigzag lines in front of the school. When parking along The Ridgeway, I would ask you to respect people's property and not park across driveways. I have told neighbours who have complained about this to take car registration numbers and telephone the police. Please encourage your children to use the puffin crossing outside the school; crossing higher up on The Ridgeway, with so much parked traffic, is potentially very dangerous. Do also encourage your son or daughter, where possible, to walk or cycle to school. We have excellent facilities for cycles. If your child would like to cycle they should obtain a permission letter from Student Services.

Attendance

We have made a significant improvement in student attendance once again this year. Students can only perform to the best of their ability if they attend school on a regular basis. Please make sure you are aware of our attendance guidelines (attached) and ensure your son's/daughter's attendance is as high as it can be in 2019. For further clarification, our Attendance Policy can be viewed on the school's website.

Next Term's Events for your Diary

Thursday, 10th January, 2019 at 6.30pm: **INTO THE SIXTH EVENING**. This is for all Year 11 students, including external candidates, who may be considering joining the Sixth Form in September 2019. Come and find out about courses available in the Sixth Form, hear about the success of former students, see our wonderful Sixth Form accommodation in action and visit the *Starbucks* café on site.

Thursday, 7th – Saturday, 9th February at 7.00pm and Saturday matinee at 2.00pm: **VELOCITY DANCE PERFORMANCE** in the SandPit Theatre. This is our premier dance show of the year and will be bigger and better than ever. It will involve dance from students of all ages.

Wednesday, 13th February at 7.00pm **GYM DISPLAY**. If you would like to see some outstanding acrobatics, do join us for this spectacular event.



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Tuesday, 12th March at 7.00pm: **CHEMISTRY SHOW** in the SandPit Theatre. Please come along and see some amazing experiments.

Monday, 1st April at 7.00pm: **SPRING CONCERT** in the SandPit Theatre. Sandringham's Music Faculty brings you an uplifting array of music from our fantastic Jazz Band to classic Spring-themed pieces from our very own school orchestra.

Please check the school website www.sandringham.herts.sch.uk and The Sandprint for details of other exciting events taking place in the school.

Tickets for all shows are available from the SandPit Theatre Box Office Tel: 01727 370067.

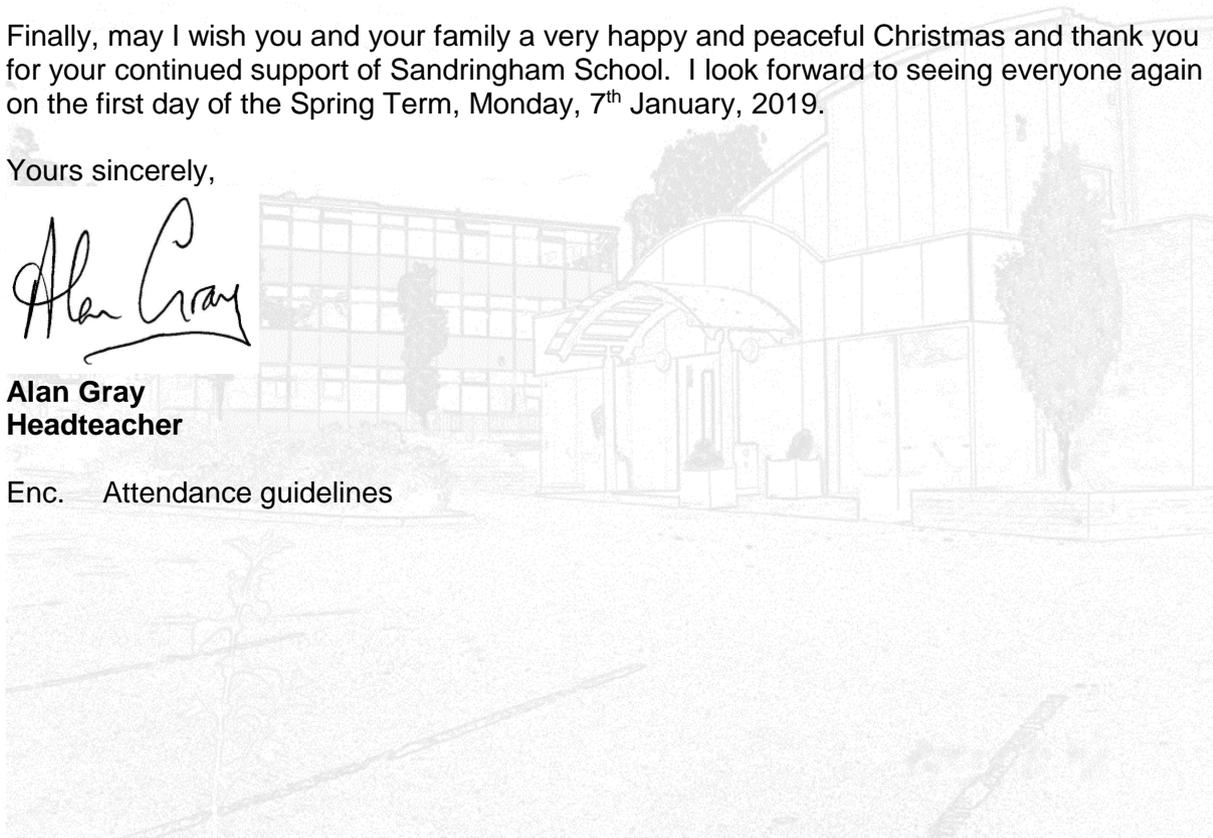
Finally, may I wish you and your family a very happy and peaceful Christmas and thank you for your continued support of Sandringham School. I look forward to seeing everyone again on the first day of the Spring Term, Monday, 7th January, 2019.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Gray
Headteacher

Enc. Attendance guidelines



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