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Dear Parent/Carer

This has been another full and productive term at The Derby High School. If you would like to read about all the activities and events that have taken place since September then please see our website – you will be amazed at what has been going on! Each week we also tweet stories so maybe you would like to also follow us on Twitter using @derbyhighbury.

A key highlight this term was the Awards Evening for the Class of 2018. We were joined by MP James Frith and it was a pleasure to see so many students back with us and receiving awards in recognition of their achievements whilst at our school. As you are aware we are the highest performing school in Bury for student progress and we have high hopes that our current Year 11 students will secure another great set of results. We have all been impressed by the manner in which they have prepared for their mock examinations and their conduct throughout this time has been impeccable. Students will receive their Mock Examination Results in an envelope at the **Year 11 Parents' Evening on 17th January 2019**.

We have also launched 'The Friends of The Derby' this term and were delighted with the response from parents and other supporters of our school at the first meeting. This team will be playing a leading role in organising school events including the **Makers Market on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** which starts at 5.30pm. We always need more helpers and if you feel able to support us on the night please contact Mrs Provoost at the school. If not, do come along anyway as we would like all our community to be part of this. Later that evening, at 7pm, we are holding our **Winter Wonderland Concert** in the school hall and you are all warmly invited to join us for an evening of music, dance and drama performances.

We have continued to drive forward our message on the importance of attendance at school. Research proves that students are more likely to succeed at GCSE level if they have had a good attendance (over 96%) – if your child is not in school then they are missing out on learning opportunities. At the time of writing this letter our attendance figure is 95.38% which is an improvement from this point last year but still not where we need this to be. I would ask that you continue to support us with this key priority for our school.

I would like to remind all parents and carers that we have opened the canteen from 8.15 am each day and are serving hot food and drinks in there at this time. The library and A5 (Homework Club) is also open from 8.15am until 4pm each day and students are welcome to use these facilities to support them with their studies.

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Other upcoming events to make you aware of include:-

**Parent Voice Meeting – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
(6pm start)**

**Year 9 Options Evening – Making the Right Choices – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019  
(5.30pm – 7.30pm)**

**Friends of The Derby – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – (6.00 pm start)**

**High School Musical – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

The Student Council have asked if the last day of term can be a 'Non-uniform Day' in order to raise money for the school. They are currently in discussions about what this will go towards. Students who want to wear their own clothes need to bring in £1.50 before the day. We ask that they come dressed as for a working day in appropriate clothing. As in previous years the school will close early on this day. Students will be dismissed from 1.00pm. Please note that school bus services will not be available at this time.

The vast majority of our students wear their uniform with pride. Please ensure that your child returns to school after the break in correct uniform. It matters to us that we are seen in the community as a school with high standards and expectations. If you have any queries then please refer to the information on the website.

It only remains for me to wish you all well at this festive time of the year. I hope you have a good break with family and friends.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

