

6th December 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers

END OF MODULE 2 UPDATE

I write to thank you for your support this year and to wish you all a joyous festive break. We are continuing to focus on teaching and learning every day with the end of Module 2 on Wednesday 20th December at the usual time of 2.15 p.m.

There a number of events next week that I would like to draw your attention to:-

- On **Tuesday 12th December**, we are pleased to invite you to The Leigh Christmas Variety Show in the Lecture Theatre from 7.00–8.30 p.m. Tickets will be available to purchase on the door at £5 per adult and £3 for concessions.
- On **Wednesday 13th December**, students will be able to enjoy a Christmas lunch of British Roast Turkey or Quorn & Stuffing Xmas Wellington served with vegetables and a dessert choice of Christmas Pudding/Mince Pie/Chocolate Orange Mousse provided by Cucina at a cost of £3.50 including a cracker and a drink.

We also have Year 10 and Year 12 Parent Teacher appointments from 2.30 p.m. on **Wednesday 13th December** – please make appointments in advance.

- We will be holding a staff and student ‘Christmas Jumper Day’ on **Friday 15th December** where staff and students are encouraged to wear their very best ‘festive’ jumper and enjoy the opportunity to impress all members of The Leigh Academy. It is also Charles Dickens Day so you may see some staff wearing Victorian outfits too.

This year, the proceeds of the Christmas Jumper Day will go to Bantabami, an AIDS orphanage in South Africa that the Academy has been supporting for several years and for whom Post-16 students have been leading this year's fundraising. One eighth of the population of South Africa is either HIV+ or has AIDS and hundreds of thousands of orphans have been created because of this terrible disease. Bantabami is a tiny charity that supports the AIDS orphans of Pietermaritzburg, near Durban, providing food, clothing and other practical support to the orphans, as well as the grannies who look after them. Without our support, the charity would cease operating, so we thank you for the donations you make on Christmas Jumper Day this year, which will enable Bantabami to continue its work in 2018.

It is important that students have all their books and equipment for the day and remember to wear their correct Academy uniform under their jumper. Please be advised this is not a non-school uniform day. Should your daughter/son not wear the correct uniform you will be contacted and required to collect them.

We ask the students and staff to contribute £1 for the privilege of wearing their very best Christmas jumper for the day. There will be a competition held within each College with a prize for the best one.

We thank you in advance for your continued support for our charity fund-raising activities and also thank you for your support during this festive period.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia Collins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Julia Collins
Academy Principal