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Dear Parents/Carers,

As another busy term draws to a close, we are pleased to share some of our key updates with you:

#### Thank You

First, an enormous thank you for your support this term, particularly with uniform. Our skirt exchange went incredibly well and now students look even more smart and business-like. Our key dates for the upcoming term are our Coffee Morning on the 21st January; Year 9 Parents Evening on the 23rd January and a Year 7 Parents Evening on the 30th January. Year 9 students with parents/carers will be invited to an Options Evening on **the 6<sup>th</sup> February**, We will also be holding a KS3 Coffee Morning on the 17th March. We are always keen to improve the ways in which we work with parents/carers; please contact us on office@humphreyperkins.org.uk if you would be interested in working with us further, in a voluntary capacity, or just have ideas to share with us.

#### **Trial Examinations**

Our students are committed to their learning and we are proud of our Year 11 who have worked so hard for their recent Trial Examinations: their conduct was exemplary. They will receive their results on **January 10th** after robust moderation processes.

#### **Sporting Successes**

Once again, we have had a successful first term in terms of our sporting achievements. We took 16 students to a Trust Sports' Performance Day where they had the opportunity to compete against other students and experience a range of sports.

This term also saw our girls' and boys' teams from Years 7-11 play in their county knockout football tournaments. The Year 7 girls, 8/9 girls and 10/11 girls are all through to their retrospective finals with the boys losing in the semi-finals and finals.

Next term we look forward to our badminton tournaments.

#### Kindness and the Last Day of Term

As you know, our mantra is "Be Brave. Be Kind. Be the best you can be." We are so proud of the generosity of our students and we raised an incredible £1400 for Children in Need and for the Poppy















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Appeal. This week, we have delivered our stunning Reverse Advent Hampers to John Storer House; thank you so much for your support.

Our main charity this year is Loros (care for the terminally ill) with our aim of raising over £2000. We are part of the 'Have you Herd' appeal, raising money and decorating an elephant structure that will tour around Leicester raising awareness for LOROS. On the last day of term, students may wear a Christmas jumper/ non-uniform in exchange for a donation (ideally £1) to LOROS. Please find our non-uniform guidance <a href="here">here</a>. The final morning will comprise of the following:

Periods 1-3: Lessons and assemblies.

Period 4: tutor-time. Finish at **midday** with buses booked for 12.

It is obviously expected that all students attend school as usual.

## **Staffing Updates**

We are pleased to introduce our Cover Supervisor, Mr Sahota, who has made a great start. Mr Sahota will help to ensure that, when staff are absent or attending training, he is able to cover the majority of these lessons. With regret, we say goodbye to Mr Coggins, Mrs Kirkham and Mrs Meetha. Mr Coggins will be replaced by Mrs Quirk (a former Lionheart Assistant Director of Curriculum) who will also take responsibility for his Tutor group. Mrs Fryer will be joining us as a Lionheart Subject Lead for Science and Mrs De Abreu will also be joining the Science Department,

# Personal Development (PD) and Safeguarding

In line with all Lionheart schools, we work hard to ensure that PD has a high priority. In light of continuing national concerns about sexual harassment, bullying and abuse, we ensure that our students receive extensive support and guidance. We are proud of the fact that we are the only secondary school in Leicestershire to hold the Local Authority's "Beyond Bullying" award at Gold Level and this was celebrated during November's Anti-Bullying Week with us being featured in the national TES online and in the local Leicester Mercury. Once again, we would like to take the opportunity to highlight our" Stop Boxes" and our email address: <a href="mailto:stop@humphreyperkins.org.uk">stop@humphreyperkins.org.uk</a>. Our priority is for all students to feel safe and secure at Humphrey Perkins and, if they do not feel so, they must be able to access help immediately. Our <a href="mailto:DSL@humphreyperkins.org.uk">DSL@humphreyperkins.org.uk</a> email is another way of requesting support. All year groups will have a final "Staying Safe" assembly before we break for Christmas; they will also be emailed an accompanying leaflet. Another reminder that Mr Cross is our safeguarding lead (DSL).













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## **Return to School**

Finally, we wish you and your families a safe and relaxing holiday. All students will return to school on **Tuesday 7**th **January 2025**. Please continue to follow our adventures on social media.

Yours sincerely,

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