



14 December 2022

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

#### **Merry Christmas**

I hope that you and your families are well as we reach the end of the Advent term. It has been an exciting and eventful term across the CMAT family of schools, reaching a wonderful point two weeks ago when we were finally able to get back to De Montfort Hall for the Catholic Schools Carol Concert in aid of Menphys. Having missed the last two years because of the pandemic, it was great to see pupils from our schools singing together again. Looking forward to next term, we anticipate another exciting communal event when we celebrate our feast day at the end of January.

During this term, we have carried out reviews of all our schools and it has been inspiring to see each and every one of them moving forward. I want to pay a special tribute to all those in our schools who work so tirelessly to provide the best they can for your children; our leaders, our teachers, our support staff, and our school governors. The way in which they work collaboratively across our CMAT to harness the very best teaching and learning approaches is one of the greatest strengths of working together as we do.

I want to let you know about a slight change to the school calendar for **next school year** (2023-24). We will be returning slightly later at the start of the school year, with pupils back in school from **Thursday 31 August 2023** rather than the published Tuesday 29 August. The reason for this is to move our staff training days away from the GCSE results day the previous week; as I am sure you will understand, our secondary school colleagues want to focus their attention entirely on the Year 11 pupils receiving their results on that day. The only other implication of this is that we will finish the school year on **Friday 12 July 2024** rather than Thursday 11 July. I appreciate that all this is a long way off, but I wanted to provide you with maximum notice. An updated copy of the holiday dates for next year is overleaf.

Finally, as we approach the wonderful and holy festival of Christmas, I wish you and all those you love every blessing. May the light of the infant Christ heal our broken world and, most of all, bring peace.

God bless,

N. Lockyer.

Neil Lockyer Chief Executive Officer





#### Term dates 2023-2024



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