

05 December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

As we look towards the end of this term I thought I would bring you up to date with some of our work over the last few weeks and give you some important dates for the remainder of this term and for the beginning of the next.

#### Standards for All

Thank you for your support with our new 'Standards for All' agenda. Its implementation got off to a good start on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November and the last four weeks have seen a difference around school and in lessons. Students have responded well to the revised expectations and it has been a pleasure to see how seriously they are taking the uniform and equipment standards.

We will continue to improve standards in the New Year by increasing our expectations, this time around homework and I will let you know more about this in the New Year.

#### Website

I hope you will have noticed just how much our website has developed since September. I know you will find the 'News and Updates' section useful and enjoyable as it gives us a great opportunity to tell everyone about the activities and events we are involved in. If you have any feedback about the website we would be grateful to hear it.

In some ways the website replaces the need for a letter such as this but I hope you will humour me by continuing to read my twice a half term letters as it gives me real pleasure to tell you of all the good things that are happening and to share the pride I feel in Ninestiles. Thus, the letters may be shorter but still heartfelt.

#### Opportunity for mum and daughter

As a thank you from Comic Relief for all the support and donations Ninestiles has made over the last few years, we have been offered a fantastic opportunity for one of our female students and their mum to travel to Africa for a Comic Relief fundraising film. The trip will be approximately 5 days including travel and is likely to be during the 2017 February half term. Your daughter needs to be in Year 7 to Year 9 and have been involved in a fundraising activity for Red Nose Day before, but have never travelled to Africa. The trip will be funded by the BBC.

If you are interested in being considered, please email Mrs McGillicuddy at [Jackie.McGillicuddy@ninstiles.org.uk](mailto:Jackie.McGillicuddy@ninstiles.org.uk) by midday on Friday 9 December. You will need to include a brief description about you and your daughter and why you would like to be involved in this experience. The decision will be made by the BBC.

Forthcoming Events

**Wednesday 07 December** – Year 10 Parents Evening

**Monday 12 December** – Christmas Concert

**Friday 16 December** – School closes for students at 12.00pm

**Tuesday 03 January** – School closed to students for Academy Trust training day

**Wednesday 04 January** – School re-opens for all students

**Friday 20 January – Saturday 28 January** – Ski trip

**Wednesday 15 February** – Parental Engagement event

**Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February** – Half Term