

Principal: Emma Robins



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Dear Parent/Carer

As we near the end of term, I'd like to thank you for your continued support, at what remains a very challenging time. I have been delighted with the positive attitude and approach of our students throughout the term, they have been a credit to the school and to you. There has been much to celebrate during the term, and next Friday you will receive our newsletter, *The Graham Gazette*, which will summarise the term's achievements. Please take the time to read the *Gazette* – we are extremely proud of everything that has been done and would like to share it with you.

As you know, we have had several positive cases of Covid-19 this term. On each occasion we have to follow up on any close contacts and ask them to self-isolate. I would like to thank everyone who has worked with us on this. We do appreciate the frustrations around having to self-isolate but, at the same time, it is vital that we all work together to limit the spread of this virus and to protect everyone in our community. Should any student receive a positive result of a Covid-19 test during the holidays, we ask that you email the detail to hello@gra.hlt.academy. If necessary, we will contact you for further details.

The school term will end next Friday 18 December with students leaving early, at 12.30pm. On this last day of term, we are inviting everyone to wear a Christmas jumper and / or non-uniform. There will be a charity collection on the day for Save the Children for those who would like to make a contribution. The recommended donation will be £1.

By the end of next week, I know that everyone will be ready for a break. I would like to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas holiday. I hope you will enjoy spending quality time with family and friends and taking some time to 'recharge your batteries'. I know that many of you will continue to work as key workers at this time and I hope that you too, are able to take a break at some point.

Yours faithfully

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