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30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

The Osborne Cooperative Academy Trust has taken the decision to move the last day of the autumn term for students to Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and reschedule two training days for staff to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

There will be normal lesson Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December and on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, the day will be structured as follows:

9.00 to 10.40 Normal lesson (P1, P2)  
10.40 to 11.20 Extended break  
11.20 to 12.10 Normal lesson (P3)  
12.10 All students dismissed.

Please note that Years 12 and 13 will finish on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

There is no doubt this has been a very challenging term for all of us. The decision to reschedule two training days is designed to effectively prepare our staff for the challenges of the new spring term, 2021. This term, there have been many changes to timetables, classroom routines, styles of teaching and learning. We are so pleased that student attendance has remained high despite children and staff having to occasionally self-isolate.

In addition to preparing staff for the spring term, the change to the end of term date will also provide the opportunity for eight days of isolation for our students and staff before Christmas Day. This will potentially reduce the risks of Covid-19 transmission during the holiday season. The teaching time will be moved to the spring term and days already identified as training days, will become teaching days. Therefore there is no loss of teaching time because of this change.

In summary,

- the last day of term for Years 7 to 11 students will now be Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 for Year 12 and 13 students.
- the first day of the spring term for students will now be Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. (This will no longer be a training day).
- Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 will be a normal school day and not a staff training day.

Please see attached amended school calendar for this academic year.

We hope that you will see this decision as a sensible and safe change to the learning and working arrangements of both students and staff. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and happy Christmas.



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## ICT

Here at Brentwood County High, we are always working together to make sure our students are keeping safe. There are numerous updates regarding safeguarding throughout the year and we like to keep our students and families updated with any changes.

Please find attached an agreement that has been put in place to help reinforce the guidelines for safe, responsible use of ICT. This agreement covers students' behaviour on school-owned devices and also on personal devices when used on school site, whether on the School's Wi-Fi or otherwise. Students will be asked to sign this agreement during form time this week.

## PREVENT

Young people can see all kinds of things online, via social media and through online games. We make sure to educate our students to have an awareness by being vigilant about who they come into contact with online including to prevent radicalisation. The letter attached provides you with information to support your child.

Yours faithfully

Miss M Ryan  
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