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Dear Parents/Carers

We are pleased to be writing our final letter of the year to you. 2019 has been an incredible year and this last term has once again been truly outstanding.

We were delighted to meet many of you at Parent Tutor Day in early November. We value the relationship between school and home and this again proved to be an excellent opportunity to discuss how students had settled into the academic year, alongside setting challenging goals for their future.

In our journey to 'Beyond Outstanding' we always set ambitious targets for ourselves as Co-Principals of Hatton. We reflect daily, talk to students, parents and staff on how we can make this great academy even better. In January we will be introducing our 'Student Influencers' who will be involved in anti-bullying work as active peer mentors. This initiative has been driven by our students and we look forward to seeing their work over the coming year.

Respect was evident in abundance at our annual Armistice Day celebration on 11th November. Year on year our students congregate in the Heart of Hatton and pay their respects to the service men and women of our Armed Forces. Yet again this year, they proved just what amazing young people they are, over a thousand teenagers in the Heart of Hatton which included our Combined Cadet Force. It was an extremely poignant and proud moment for us as Co-Principals.

Not only are our students incredibly respectful, they are also extremely talented. Term 2 has seen numerous sporting successes, Y13 Oxbridge interviews and personal success and development for Y7 and Y8 through the HBACC. We have had many parents/carers join us for the HBACC awards assemblies at the start of December which took place in our state of the art Westfield Auditorium.

Our annual Careers Day took place on 6th December which allowed our students to opt for a range of sessions to receive advice, guidance, information or inspiration for future careers. The conduct of students throughout the day was, as ever, impeccable and we received many complimentary emails from external providers who were impressed by the attitudes of our students.

The Hatton Academies Trust Christmas Concert on 12th December was, as always, a wonderful event that brought together our family of schools to celebrate this special time of year. Christmas Jumper Day followed on 13th December and we have also held the Y7 disco and our annual 'Lip Sync Battle' house competition. There have also been numerous trips and visits including Cern in Switzerland, The World Skills Show at the NEC, and the Christmas Lectures at the Open University.

Alongside all of these activities and initiatives, learning continues to be the key focus for us at Hatton. Everything we do is about ensuring that your child achieves the success of which they are capable, together anything is possible for all at Hatton.

As Co-Principals we have been reflecting on what makes 'Team Hatton' so successful. We attribute this to the hard work, dedication of all; students, parents/carers, talented and expert teachers working alongside incredible support staff.

We would like to wish you all a restful, peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break. We look forward to continuing our success into 2020, when the academy re-opens to students on Tuesday 7th January, but for now enjoy this festive time.

Yours Sincerely,



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