



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the festive season and the end of another term at The Chalfonts Community College, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families for a Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year.

December is always a very busy and enjoyable time in schools. It was wonderful to see student success and commitment celebrated recently in rewards assemblies and rewards trips. Our students' musical talents were showcased in last night's Christmas concert and our fabulous choir brought Christmas joy today to residents at the Windsor Lodge Care Home.

Showing appreciation to others is important and it is heartwarming to have seen students recently writing thank you cards to the staff who have made a difference to them. This means so much to our hardworking staff. I would like to invite you to participate in an excellent (and free) way to express gratitude to a member of our staff who has made a positive impact on your child. Your words of appreciation can mean the world to those who work tirelessly to support students' learning and wellbeing. If you would like to send a thank you to any staff at school please click on this link to add your personal message [Thank a member of staff](#)

Looking ahead to the **start of the new term on 5th January**, we are making some adjustments to our after school detentions. Moving forward, departments will run detentions on various days throughout the week, each lasting 40 minutes. Class teachers will communicate the reason for the detention beforehand and provide work for the students. Being with their teacher in detention is an important opportunity to support learning. Year Leader after school detentions will take place on Thursdays, and SLT after school detentions will occur on Fridays. Details of the rooms can be found in an email and accessed through the Arbor parent app. Tutors will also remind tutees in the mornings.

The Arbor parent app is an essential tool for monitoring your child's progress at school. If you haven't already, please ensure you are logged in to stay updated on merits, behaviour points, attendance, and your child's calendar. For any queries or assistance with the Arbor app, please reach out to Jamie Howard at jamiehoward@chalfonts.org.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the PTA who support the school in so many ways, from running the second hand uniform shop, extensive fundraising, supporting

events, parent networking and for the Celebration of Staff event they hosted yesterday evening.

Thank you to all our dedicated staff members. Their commitment and hard work have been instrumental in creating an enriching learning environment for our students. Their passion and dedication truly make a difference in shaping our students' educational journey.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a restful Christmas holiday filled with joy with family and friends.

Yours sincerely

[The Chalfonts Community College - Term Dates](#)

SPRING TERM 2024

Thursday 04 January	Staff Inset/Training Day
Friday 05 January	Students Return to school
Friday 09 February	Students break up (3.05 finish)

Spring Half Term Holiday Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024

Monday 19 February	Students Return to school
Thursday 28 March	Last day of Term (12:35 Finish)

Spring Holiday Friday 29 March 2024 to Friday 12 April 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15 April	Students Return to school
Monday 06 May	Bank Holiday

Summer Half Term Holiday Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

Monday 03 June	Students Return to school
Tuesday 23 July	Last day of term (12:35 Finish)