

Education Other Than at School - EOTAS

The Fernbrook Centre
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Merry Christmas to you and your family from EOTAS

As the end of term approaches I would like to thank you for all your support throughout this very busy term; as always it is greatly appreciated. It has been amazing to host a variety of events for the children and young people this term including, our careers fair, Remembrance assemblies and activities, the sessions of enrichment, the MacMillan coffee morning and Fish and Chip lunch with our neighbours.

Term finishes for the children and young people at 12:10pm Friday 20th December.

Mock Examinations in Term 3

Year 11 will be completing a full set of mock examinations from January 13th, the timetable will be given out separately to the Year 11 pupils. These examinations will be an indication to our young people of any gaps in their learning that need extra focus. Teachers will be monitoring results and adjusting their plans to ensure any missed learning is covered ahead of the final exams in May/June 2025.

Attendance remains high priority for all young people to attend school every day

In term 2, we have continued to maintain our weekly reviews of attendance. We are proud of those young people who continue to improve their attendance and show resilience every day. Please continue to support your child in ensuring they are attending each and every day. We see good attendance as being above 95% – you will have an opportunity to check your child's attendance certificate during the next parent's afternoon appointment. There is a clear link between high attendance and young people maximising their learning and achievements and we want all of our young people to reach their potential. Please keep checking in for the on-going attendance percentage during your calls with tutors and keep the 95% figure in mind.

If your child has a cold or similar low-level illness they should come into school. Please rest assured that we will send your child home should their symptoms develop further. If there is particular support you may need as a family to increase your child's attendance, please contact their Head of College.

Working in collaboration

Please remember that we are here to work in partnership with you, and the mainstream school if appropriate, to ensure your child achieves their potential. We have an "open door" policy and are keen to be available should you need a conversation about any matter concerning your child, so

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please keep in touch. You can find our key contacts on our website. Check out our website for our safeguarding Newsletter which is published weekly. If there are any issues you would like us to be aware of over the Christmas break, please use the safeguarding email address which will be checked over the holiday. safeguarding@eotas.swindon.sch.uk.

We hope that you have a happy and healthy break and have lots of lovely time together planned. We would like to say a huge thank you to all our families for their support this term. Your messages to teachers, support and business staff are very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you on the 6th of January 2025.

Yours sincerely

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