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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2015

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

We are now at the end of the Autumn Term 2015. While there is no snow as yet – it is far too mild for that – preparations for Christmas and the holidays are in full flow. We have been very busy in College as ever and hope your children return home not too exhausted but happy after a good term.

Academic matters: Dr Drew and colleagues have been very busy preparing our A2 students for university entry and getting those UCAS forms in as early as possible. While it is too early to determine what will happen next summer, it would seem that our students are being offered some good entry grade requirements, and a number have got Oxbridge interviews. I will of course update you on their progress in the first newsletter of 2015 but we are hoping for our best crop of offers from this year's cohort. We wish them all well in this demanding and at times unpredictable process but know they have been well prepared.

Please note that for our GCSE and A2 students there are full mock examinations right at the start of next term. These will begin on Monday morning, 4th January and so it is vital that all students return to College on time.

End of term reports: These may be accessed via the portal at the end of term and they should all be available on or around 22nd December. If you have difficulty accessing the portal, or prefer an email copy, please contact my PA, Mrs Laura Beckett at laura.beckett@ctc.ac.uk

Staffing matters: Happily no academic tutors are leaving us at the end of this term, but we do say farewell to Steve Dear, our Caretaker and wish him every success for the future. We have welcomed Mr Pete Holliday and Mr Paul Goodwin to help us with our Marketing activity in 2016.

Other events: We held our Annual Awards Ceremony here in College in November which was well attended. It was a celebration of the excellent achievements of last year's leavers and is definitely a key date in the calendar next year. The Student Committee have also been busy recently holding two Informal Concerts showcasing our students' musical talents and also raising money for BBC Children In Need. They marked the end of term with our wonderful, enjoyable and traditional Christmas Quiz Night, are planning events to welcome the new students to CTC in January as well as organising the CTC Ball Summer 2016.

You might like to know that this year we won two more Good Schools Guide awards for Mathematics (best in the country) as well as three individual subject prizes at this year's CIFE (Independent Colleges Association) awards; we got one last year.

Next term: We look forward to welcoming everyone back to College on **Monday morning, 4th January 2016**. Please note that we do not finish term until **Wednesday 23 March**. Thank you for keeping to published term dates. **February half term holiday:** the College will be closed for one day on Friday, 19th February.

On a separate note, the next instalment of tuition and accommodation fees (for those parents who have not paid all the fees in September) is due on 1 February 2016. Please also ensure to add your child's name as a reference when making bank transfer. Please contact the Finance Team if you are unable to pay the fees on the due date. Thank you.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all, wherever you may be, a relaxing, happy and healthy Christmas and good wishes for the New Year.

With all good wishes,

Mark Eagers
Principal