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VSH/KW/Parents

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to inform you that our premises projects are complete! The new gas heating system, Technology roof, astro resurface and the 10 classroom Mathematics block will make a huge difference to our learning environment.

I received excellent feedback from The de Ferrers Trust Estates Manager, who has overseen the project. He says the contractors on site spoke highly of the conduct and behaviour of our students for the duration of the project. He wanted me to pass on that there have been no issues with student behaviour/interaction and that students have been a credit to us. This made me feel very proud.

Thank you also for working with us with regard to the increased volume of traffic and parking restrictions. It has all been worthwhile! Students are already enjoying lessons and lunchtimes on the AGP (Artificial Grass Pitch); it will be formally opened by Nigel Clough on Tuesday 4 December.

I should like to ask for your help in ensuring The Pingle Academy goes from strength to strength. As you know, we are constantly trying to improve our academy and I would be very grateful if you would complete a short survey for us: <https://goo.gl/forms/8jDx3lnV5ZXdvVwj1>. This should take no more than 10 minutes. We are very interested to hear your views. By completing the questionnaire, you will be telling us what you like about the academy and how we can improve the things that are important to you. Each completed questionnaire is vital in finding out what parents/carers think. Your answers will be treated in the strictest confidence and your response will make a real difference to our academy. I should be grateful for as many responses as possible by Monday 10 December.

Finally, looking forward to the Christmas break, I wish to inform you that our "Christmas by Candlelight" concert, will be held in the Hall on Wednesday 19 December at 6:30pm. The singers, musicians and drama students have been practising extremely hard, so we will be very pleased if you could join us. Doors will be open from 6:00pm to welcome you to our Christmas Craft Fair before the performance starts. There will be several stalls available throughout the evening. Tickets cost £3 and are available from Reception. Alternatively, parents and carers can also purchase tickets via Wisepay.

All year groups will have their Christmas assembly on Friday 21 December and it will be a non-uniform day; hopefully we will see lots of Christmas jumpers! This year's unmissable Pingle Sixth Form staff pantomime for students will be at 1:50pm on Thursday 20 December. All students will be free to leave the academy after Period 4 on Friday 21 December, at 1:10pm. If you wish your child to remain in the academy until 2:50pm, please contact the relevant Progress Leader who will make arrangements. Academy buses will run as normal at 2:50pm. Any student on Free School Meals who wishes to have a sandwich lunch on that day should see their Progress Leader.

The season will soon be upon us!

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Sharples
Principal