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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we draw to the end of a very difficult year, I would like to thank all parents for your key role in supporting our student community. You have played a vital part in keeping our students on-track and engaged in their learning.

Despite the ongoing challenges we are all facing, Highlands College is proud to have lots of positive news to share. Here is a small sample of activities our students have been involved in this month:

Culinary Arts

On Tuesday 8th December, our Culinary Arts students (supported by Chef Lecturer, Dominic Farrell) made winter vegetable soup with homemade bread and mince pies that were enjoyed for lunch by residents of the Shelter Trust at Aztec House. It was great to see the students willing to support a very worthy cause whilst making use of stock left over from the closure of the Academy Restaurant due to Government Covid-19 restrictions.

Performing Arts

The Performing Arts students have worked very hard to produce a performance of The Red Shoes which can be seen by parents via the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9A0yv150J0>

Animal Management

As a Christmas present from the College, enrichment toys and treats were made by the students for the dogs that they work with.

Student Life

Student Life have worked with lots of students across college to hand-make Christmas decorations for the Café Connect Lounge and Student Life area.

There was a 'December Special' for Student Life visitors, offering hot chocolate with cream & marshmallows. This proved very popular with the students indeed.

Students across college contributed gift hampers for young people in need. We are very proud of their generosity.

Business

Level 2 business students held various Christmas events raising £713 for cancer research.

Dates for your Diary

Student Progress Evenings will take place on Wednesday 24th February and Thursday 25th February 2021.

Further details will be shared nearer the time.

As you may have seen, the date for the return to college after the Christmas break has been changed. Schools and colleges will remain closed to pupils on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 January 2021, while teaching staff return to work to ensure that they are fully prepared to

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start the new term to the benefit of the safety, learning and well-being of all students and staff.

This means students will return to college on Wednesday, 6 January 2021.

We will be closely monitoring ongoing developments regarding Covid-19 regulations and will be in touch with any changes we need to make for the start of the new term.

We have uploaded some useful contacts for you alongside this letter should you need any help or advice over the next couple of weeks.

In the meantime, I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It will undoubtedly be a very different festive period for us all.

Stay safe and well. I am confident that we can overcome any challenges in 2021 together as a united College community and we are grateful for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jo Terry-Marchant'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jo Terry-Marchant
Principal