

# The British School - Muscat

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Dear Parents,

We have now reached the end of the busy autumn term: congratulations to all! The students have been involved with a variety of activities and lessons throughout this week: both staff and students certainly deserve their Christmas break.

## **Christmas Celebrations**

Recent seasonal events have included the superb Carols by Candlelight, the Sing Christmas shows and an excellent Senior School production *"Tales of the Arabian Nights"*. This week has seen the terrific Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 productions and various Christmas parties around the school. I was also very proud of our Junior Choir when they sang at the British Embassy Carol Service on Sunday evening. We finish school today with the Stars in their Eyes extravaganza. For those of us who have only recently arrived in Oman it seems strange to be preparing for Christmas in such lovely weather. However, there have been many BSM occasions over the last fortnight to set the scene for the festive celebrations next week which we are all looking forward to.

## **Newsletters**

The Primary, Senior School and Sixth Form newsletters report on some of the many extra - curricular activities that the students have been involved in this half-term. The revised, more contemporary, format was designed by Florence Towler one of our many talented Sixth Form students. You can access the newsletters at <http://www.britishschoolmuscat.com/newsletters.php> or refer to the PDF copies that you have been sent in a separate mailing.

## **Academic Calendar 2012/12**

At this time of year you may well be reflecting on the 12 months just passed and also be starting to make plans for the future. With that in mind you will find attached the Academic Calendar for 2012/13 which was approved by the Board of Governors earlier in December.

## **Thank you**

Personally I will reflect on the last few months very favorably. It has been a pleasure to meet so many BSM students and parents since my arrival in August. One of the strengths of the BSM community and one that many parents, students and colleagues have commented on is that we are very welcoming to new families and staff. I have definitely found that to be the case and on behalf of all the new arrivals at BSM I would like to thank you for your warm and friendly welcome.

## **BSM School Development Plan 2012-15**

My initial consultation with the school community will conclude in the spring when I will be asking the Governing Body to consider and approve the BSM School Development Plan 2012-15. As you know, I value your views and I will continue to provide opportunities for you to discuss the priorities for the development of the school with my colleagues and me.

## **Return to School**

Term begins for all students on Sunday 8 January. Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January is a staff training day.

I hope that you and your family enjoy a restful and quiet Christmas and joyful holiday season.

Yours sincerely

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