

Monday, 11th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As the end of the school term approaches, I would like to make you aware of our arrangements.

Complimentary school Christmas lunch for every pupil

To celebrate with your children, we are delighted to be offering every pupil in school the opportunity to join our whole school Christmas lunch on Thursday 21st December 2023. Christmas lunch will include a turkey fillet or vegan fillet, carrots, cauliflower broccoli, Yorkshire pudding, pigs in blankets, stuffing and roast potatoes and old-fashioned school cake! The only hot food that will be available on this day is the Christmas lunch. If a pupil does not want a hot Christmas lunch, they can bring in their own packed lunch or will be able to order a grab bag from school.

The Fusion pre-ordering app **WILL NOT** be available on this day. To ensure that each pupil has the meal they would like, please complete the form, using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/05nfQhuVAD>. There will be no charge for your child's lunch on that day. Students can still purchase items at break time using their own funds.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be having our annual Christmas Jumper day on Friday 22nd December 2023. Pupils are invited to wear their sparkiest, most Christmassy jumper to school on this day. This is in addition to and not instead of normal school uniform. We will be asking for donations with the proceeds going towards St Luke's Hospice.

School Closure for Christmas

The Academy will close at 12.30pm on Friday 22nd December 2023 for the Christmas holidays. Free school meal pupils can collect their lunch during break time.

Return to School in January 2024

When students return from the Christmas break, they will do so on a staggered basis (details overleaf).

As you are aware, we will be starting the New Year and new term with a behaviour reset throughout school, including the removal of mobile phones for pupils during the school day. I look forward to writing to you to share further details of our behaviour reset and plans later this the week.

For us to implement these changes thoroughly, allowing sufficient time to introduce them to all our students, we will be inviting year groups back to school on a staggered basis in January 2024, like the way we start the Autumn term. We thank you in advance for your support in this, which we very much appreciate at this important time in our school's improvement journey.

Monday 8th January 2024	INSET – school closed to all pupils
Tuesday 9th January 2024	Year 7 to arrive at school for 10.00am Year 8 to arrive at school for 11.00am Year 9 and 10 remain at home. Work will be set on ClassCharts and Teams Year 11 to arrive at school for 8.45am
Wednesday 10th January 2024	Year 7, 8 and 11 to arrive at school for 8.45am Year 9 and 10 remain at home. Work will be set on ClassCharts and Teams
Thursday 11th January 2024	Year 7 and 8 remain at home. Work will be set on ClassCharts and Teams Year 9 to arrive at school for 10.00am Year 10 to arrive at school for 11.00am Year 11 to arrive at school for 8.45am
Friday 12th January 2024	Year 9, 10 and 11 to arrive at school for 8.45am Year 7 and 8 remain at home. Work will be set on ClassCharts and Teams
* Review / staggered return the week after if required	
Monday 15th January 2024	Key Stage 3 (Year 7, 8 and 9) - 8.45am Key Stage 4 (Year 10 and 11) – 10.00am

On behalf of all our staff and governors, may we thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the Academy. Best wishes for a joyful Christmas with your friends and families and a very Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully



Mrs L Rogers
Acting Principal