



1 December 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Festive celebrations and end of term

Today is 1 December and so I am writing to inform you of our arrangements for the end of term and our celebrations for the season. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions this year we have had to cancel many of our traditional events, for example our Christmas music concert. We are, however, determined to celebrate this most wonderful time of the year!

On Friday 11 December, we will be celebrating "Festive jumper day". Mrs Pepper will be writing with details about this important fundraising activity.

On Wednesday 16 December we will be serving Christmas lunch for students. This year, in order to keep things simple, we will be charging the normal meal-deal price for Christmas lunch and this does not need to be booked in advance. Please note that we will be unable to provide alternative menu items and if students do not wish to have Christmas lunch they should bring a packed lunch on that day.

In the last week of term, year groups will meet to celebrate the achievements of the term and our usual attendance and house point prizes will be awarded. We will also be publishing our Christmas edition of our newsletter 'The Pulse' for you to enjoy over a mince pie (or two!).

The last day of term is Friday 18 December, alas, our annual whole school Christmas assembly will not take place (nor the communal sing-along which we so look forward to every year), instead students will spend some time in lessons and some time celebrating the end of term in their tutor groups. As is customary, the school day will end at **12.10pm**. Students will be released across a 10-minute stagger period, one year group at a time. They will be asked to move out of school quickly and not to wait around in order to minimise the risk of cross bubble contact.

Finally, I remind you that the spring term begins on Monday 4 January 2021 when we look forward to welcoming all students back after a well-earned break. The current timings for the start and end of the school day, as well as all other COVID related measures, will continue to be in place into the Spring term.

Yours Sincerely

Mr A Johnson
Headteacher