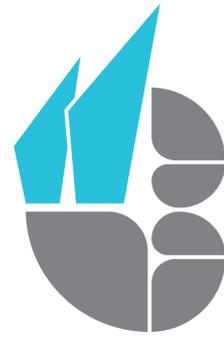


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Tuesday 23 November

Dear Parent

Christmas Update

Though it does not feel like a year since I wrote to you to keep you informed of our end of term Christmas Celebration arrangements, we are again at the start of that special time of year.

As with last year, we would like to spend December celebrating our wonderful students' achievements and community involvement with some special events, including raising money and collecting food for charitable causes.

Below is a timeline of Christmas activities:

Christmas Food Bank

In the UK more than 14 million people are living in poverty, including 4.5 million children. Food banks rely on the support of their local communities to help people in crisis. We are running a competition between year groups where the winners will be rewarded with positive community points to put towards their gold star badges. If you would like to access the food bank for your family over Christmas, please visit <https://www.greatyarmouthfoodbank.co.uk/>.

Christmas Tree

Monday 29 November

A Christmas tree will be erected in the central school block and decorated by members of our Student Forum.

A December to Remember Christmas Performance

Tuesday 30 November - Thursday 2 December

I am pleased to announce our Christmas show 'A December to Remember' performance dates are Tuesday 30 November, Wednesday 1 December and Thursday 2 December 2021. We are very proud of the hard work our students and performing arts staff have put into this year's production. Tickets for the show are priced at £5.00 each and are on sale via ParentPay. Please ensure that tickets are purchased in advance as they will be unavailable to purchase on the evening. Both December dates are now sold out, but we do have some availability for the November performance.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 10 December

All students and staff are invited to make a £1.00 donation to Save the Children and wear a Christmas jumper for the day. To minimise disruption to learning, I would like to emphasise that this is not a non-school uniform day. Student's will be expected to follow normal uniform guidelines, but may substitute their shirt, blazer and tie for a Christmas jumper.

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 15 – Thursday 16 December

This year we are delighted to be returning to the traditional festive Christmas lunch. Year 7 and 9 will have their Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15 December and Years 8, 10 and 11 will have theirs on Thursday 16 December. You will shortly receive an email giving more information and how to order.

Last Day of Term

Friday 17 December

Timings of the last day of term will remain as normal. We understand that students have missed a great deal of face-to-face education over the last year, so we intend to 'teach up until the bell'. However, the last day of term will include celebration of our students' success this term with the following celebration assemblies:

- Period 1 Year 7
- Period 2 Year 9
- Period 3 Year 8
- Period 4 Year 10
- Period 5 Year 11

These assemblies will take place in the Sports Hall. During each assembly we will present certificates, badges, and medals for rewards earned during the term, celebrate our Principal's Reward earners, and *The Beauchamp Award for Exceptional Character*.

12 Days of Christmas

Friday 17 December

Attendance rewards will be presented on the last day of term. The highest attending form in each year group will be celebrated with a special rewards event and individuals with high attendance will be given individual rewards as well as attending the special reward event.

Special (secret) Rewards Event

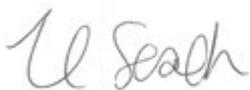
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All students who have received rewards throughout the term, or shown excellent attendance, will be invited to participate in an amazing Christmas themed experience following their celebration assembly.

Thank you

Finally, I would like to thank you for supporting our school community this term and wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. I look forward to welcoming our students back rested and ready for another exciting term on Wednesday 5 January 2022.

Yours faithfully



Helen Seath
Vice Principal