

9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parent / Guardian

I write with a few pieces of information and reminders concerning the last week of school before Christmas:

- 1) All pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy a Christmas meal with their friends at no cost to parents this year: Year 7 and Year 9 on Wednesday, Year 8 and Year 10 on Thursday and Year 11 on Friday. These events will take place in addition to normal breaks / lunches.
- 2) Friday will be a non-uniform day, when many pupils may choose to wear a Christmas jumper. We will not be collecting charity or school fund donations, and families may choose to donate to a local charity, such as [St Basil's](#).
- 3) We will also be finishing earlier than normal on Friday – at 12.45pm. Friday Clubs will run as normal from 12.45pm (Homework Club until 2pm, Basketball Club until 1.45pm and Guitar Club until 1.30pm). Pupils can collect a 'grab and go' meal from canteen before they leave at 12.45pm.
- 4) The Christmas Show takes place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, from 6pm. Tickets can be secured through logging into Parentmail.

As you may be aware from your child, we are experiencing slightly higher staff (and pupil) absence rates than normal at the moment. We are doing our very best to maintain the standard of lessons and securing specialist rather than general cover when whenever possible.

Staff absences are currently well within the levels we are able to cope with and I do not anticipate taking the sort of rolling distance learning measures that some schools in the city are being forced to take. With the exception of the Christmas meals, the last week of term will be just as filled with crucial learning as usual.

In closing, I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas break and thank you for all the support you have provided to the school this term.

Yours faithfully



Mr Neil Jones  
Headteacher

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