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Dear Parent / Guardian

Christmas Dinner Arrangements

Years 7-10 will have the opportunity to enjoy a Christmas Dinner at no cost to families this week. The arrangements are as follows:

Tuesday 10th December

Year 7: 12.10pm-12.40pm Year 8: 1.15pm-1.40pm **Wednesday 11th December** Year 10: 12.10pm-1.40pm Year 9 1.15pm-1.40pm

These meals take place in lesson time, and normal lunch will still apply but with a reduced 'grab and go' menu.

Mr Dolan and Ms Paull

A reminder that Ms Paull (Head of RE) and Mr Dolan (Head of Music) are leaving us at Christmas. Ms Paull joined in January 2021, and since then has become a favourite teacher for many pupils. This is because she shows a genuine warmth and kindness to her classes. In addition, Ms Paull has helped pupils secure great outcomes in her GCSE subject, showing great subject expertise and commitment. We wish Ms Paull every success and happiness in the future.

Toilets

I would like to ask parents to support the school in encouraging our pupils to use the toilets appropriately. We have two separate issues here. Firstly, in contrast to many secondary schools, we do allow pupils to access the toilets during lesson time. However, a small number of pupils are taking advantage to this approach to visit the toilets during lessons very frequently. Please encourage your child to absolutely utilise the toilets during lesson if there is a particular need but not routinely. Heads of Year will be contacting a small number of parents to discuss specific concerns.

The second issue is that a we have seen an increase in the number of pupils sharing a cubicle. For a number of obvious reasons, will be reminding pupils that this is not acceptable and will be sanctioning pupils who do not take this on board.





Lesley Brookes

Our former Chair of Governors recently passed away following an aggressive cancer. Lesley was a wonderful Chair of Governors who supported this school through challenging times. Her commitment to the school and her passion for education was exceptional. Her death is a huge blow to this school, but we will honour her memory by continuing to do everything we can to build upon her legacy as a champion of King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls.

Yours sincerely

Mr Neil Jones Headteacher