

Monday 6th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your family are well.

Christmas lunch

As part of our end of term festivities and celebrations, this Friday we will be having our annual Christmas lunch. This will be an opportunity for students to come together in form groups, and have lunch with their Form Tutors.

We are encouraging the whole school to be part of this, and therefore there will not be any cost to families. We will make this available to all students; this includes students who ordinarily have free school meals, and those students who might bring their own packed lunch or who pay for lunch.

Christmas lunch will include roast chicken with gravy (or vegetarian option), stuffing, roast potatoes, honey-glazed parsnips, carrots, Brussel sprouts and peas, accompanied by a chocolate brownie dessert and juice.

End of term

Term ends for all students on Friday 17th December. Students will have a staggered dismissal on this day to support a safe exit from the school site. Students who are eligible for free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch. Please find the times below:

Year group	Finish time
Year 7	12.30pm
Year 8	12.50pm
Year 9	12.40pm
Year 10	12.50pm
Year 11	1pm
Year 12 and 13	12 midday

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Free School Meals and winter holiday programme

The borough are providing £20 Tesco vouchers for all students eligible for free school meals over the break. These vouchers will be posted home to families.

The borough is also running a winter holiday activity programme offering a range of fun activities and a meal for students eligible for free school meals. All details can be found [here](#).

Start of term

The new term starts on Tuesday 4th January.

All students will be offered two Covid tests at the start of term; it is likely that there will be a staggered start to the term to enable testing. We will write again before the end of term to confirm this.

Testing is strongly encouraged. Consent needs to be provided for this, even if it has previously been given. This can be done [here](#).

A reminder that school is closed to students for an INSET day on Friday 14th January.

We have been very proud of students this term, and in particular their engagement with a wide range of trips, visits and extracurricular opportunities. We hope that you have been able to follow these events and celebrations through the newsletter. All issues from this term can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



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