



ML/DJS

5 December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of term I wanted to write to you to remind you of some of our end of term arrangements.

'Christmas Jumper Day'/Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday 18 December we will be hosting 'Christmas Jumper Day'. On this day all students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper rather than a school jumper. Blazers are not required **IF** a student is wearing a Christmas jumper. All other uniform rules remain in place and if a student is not wearing a Christmas jumper they should be in full school uniform. We will be supporting two charities - students can bring in a cash donation for Save the Children or bring a tin to donate to The Lord's Larder (see further information below). **Please note students may wear a favourite jumper of their choice, it does not need to be a Christmas jumper.**

As per my previous letter, at lunchtime on Wednesday 18 December we will be hosting a traditional Christmas dinner. Each year group will have their Christmas dinner together in the refectory, joined by staff, with Christmas music playing in the background. **Please note there will be no other food available at break or lunch on Wednesday 18 December and we are no longer taking bookings for Christmas Dinner.**

To facilitate this end of term event, the following timings are in place:

Lesson 3	11:30-12:00	Year 9
Lesson 4	12:00-12:30	Year 8
Lesson 4	12:30-1:00	Year 7
Lunch 1	1:00-1:30	Year 11
Lunch 2	1:30-2:00	Year 10

Lord's Larder Collection

The Lord's Larder Food Bank is a local 'bank' of non-perishable in-life ambient food operated by volunteers from churches in and around Yeovil. As a school community we chose to support their work at Christmas time through students bringing in donations on Christmas Jumper Day. There is a list of items they are in most need of on their website: <https://www.ycstyeovil.org.uk/the-lords-larder/>

Items include the following:

- Tins of Beans and Sausages
- Tins of Tuna
- Tins of Meatballs
- Tins of Chilli Con Carne

- UHT Milk
- Breakfast Cereals
- Biscuits
- Toilet Rolls

End of Term Arrangements

We will finish for the holiday on Friday 20 December. The end of the day will be staggered as follows:

Period 4 will finish at 12:30. Students will return to their form rooms.

Year 11 leave at 12:40

Year 9 leave at 12:45

Year 10 leave at 12:50

Year 8 leave at 12:55

Year 7 leave at 13:00

The canteen will stay open until 13:30, with a normal hot and cold school lunch available for all students in receipt of free school meals and for any student who usually buys their lunch.

Celebration Assemblies

As usual at the end of term, we will be celebrating the successes of our students in our end of term assemblies. There are many students who have much to celebrate so I am sure these will be wonderful events.

Drama and Dance Events

On Wednesday 11 December we are hosting a physical theatre workshop from 'Frantic Assembly'. The performers will work with Year 10 and Year 9 students to develop their physical theatre skills.

On Thursday 12 December we have the follow up workshop from 'Motionhouse' Dance Company. This company worked with a number of students in October to develop their movement skills, incorporating elements of circus and acrobatic movement. This workshop is the start of developing a performance piece we hope to perform at the Westlands Entertainment venue in 2025.

Christmas Carol Service – Thursday 12 December

Our Christmas Carol Service will take place in St John's Church from 5.00pm until 6.30pm. If parents, carers and students would like to attend please complete the attached Google Form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOhirtarMrp7IrPWL6BFcRhShn6IE0eawU9msV1kHoCqfPsA/viewform>

Music Christmas Concert – Tuesday 17 December

The Music department will be presenting their annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday 17 December from 5:30 to 7:00pm in the Main Hall. This will include musical numbers from the choir, bands and soloists. To reserve a seat, please complete this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/5DGvTECUknvgZ4Hz8>

Many thanks for all your continued support. I'm sure it will be a thoroughly enjoyable, albeit busy, end of term!

Yours sincerely



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