

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the festive season, we are keen to give our students an enjoyable end to what has been another eventful year!

The site is already decorated for Christmas as we embrace the festive spirit, we have already launched our Christmas card competition and our winning entry has been selected to accompany messages from Children's Services. A huge thank you to B&Q for their Christmas tree donations.

Throughout the last two weeks of term, there will be a whole host of events and celebrations where students and staff can join in the festivities.

Thursday 30th November

- Christmas Dance Showcase in the Berry Theatre
- Book in a Bauble Challenge - Collect a template from the LRC and create a design that represents your book. Entries in by 11th December

Monday 4th December

- Music Christmas Concert in the Berry Theatre

Thursday 7th December

- Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation to NSPCC)
Every year we support this charity which has over 100 years of experience helping children in times of need and throughout this pandemic they have supported thousands of children and families across the UK. Students can wear a Christmas jumper and hand in a £1 to their Tutor during registration
- Christmas Caroloke

Thursday 14th December

- Wildern Christmas Choir Performance at The Winchester Christmas Market

The last week of term

- Christmas themed assemblies begin
A time for us to celebrate individual and group successes across the school.
- Festive tutor time activities including making Christmas Cards for our local Care Homes. Our students have designed our beautiful cards ready to be sent with heartfelt messages.
- Year 7 students have volunteered to make Christmas treats for our local care homes with The Dart Centre Team.
- Students will be painting Festive Pots to be given to Care Homes planted up with bulbs.
- The Wildern Christmas Food Market

Each year our school hall becomes a Christmas food market for a day. This year to ensure we can run this event safely, it will take place across 4 days so that all Year Groups will have an opportunity to purchase their Christmas food from this event break 1 and break 2 on their allocated day. There will be hot chocolate, gingerbread men, mince pies, yule logs as well as roast beef, roast pork and much much more!

Christmas Food Market Days:

- o **Monday 11th December - Year 11**
 - o **Tuesday 12th December - Year 10**
 - o **Wednesday 13th December - Year 9 and 8**
 - o **Thursday 14th December - Year 7**
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- Food Bank collection
Our annual collection for the Southampton Mission and Hedge End Food Centre who support families in need during this festive period
- ★ **Monday 11th December - Year 7**
 - ★ **Tuesday 12th December - Year 9**
 - ★ **Wednesday 13th December - Year 8**
 - ★ **Thursday 14th December - Year 10**
 - ★ **Friday 15th December - Year 11**

Friday 15th December

- Festive hats can be worn to mark the end of term
- School will close for Christmas at 12.30pm

I am sure our staff will have many more exciting activities which will sprinkle a little joy into our lives as we move towards the end of term. The Dart Centre has a range of exciting activities taking place during the festive period, please take a look at their website by clicking [here](#) to see what is on.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have shown us during this term and wish you and your families a healthy and happy festive season.

Best wishes,

Miss Harriet Jones

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