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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 28th 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 16th December.**
- Christmas baking competition - You are challenged to make a batch of decorated Christmas biscuits based on a particular country or cuisine. Email Miss Wells with a photograph and a short paragraph explaining your biscuits **by 16th December.**

#### **Thursday 5th December**

- *Wassail!* Romsey Abbey performance

#### **Monday 9th December**

- Music Christmas Concert in the Berry Theatre

#### **Friday 13th December**

- Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation to Save the Children)

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

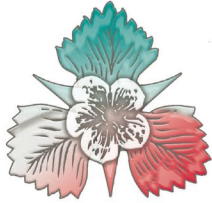
- Christmas Caroloke

#### **The last week of term**

- A time for us to celebrate individual and group successes across the school.

Christmas themed assemblies begin





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- 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 will be making 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:
  - Monday 16th December - Year 11
  - Tuesday 17th December - Year 10
  - Wednesday 18th December - Year 9
  - Thursday 19th December - Year 7 and 8
  - Friday 20th December - Open to everyone in break 1
- Food Bank collection - Our annual collection for the Southampton Mission and Hedge End Food Centre who support families in need during this festive period. Last year we donated 3439 items and we aim to beat this this year!
  - Monday 16th December - Year 7
  - Tuesday 17th December - Year 9
  - Wednesday 18th December - Year 8
  - Thursday 19th December - Year 10
  - Friday 20th December - Year 11

### **Friday 20th December**

- Pyjama day! Students can come into school in their pyjamas and give a £1 donation to MIND.
- 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**  
Deputy Headteacher

