

30 November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

As the close of term approaches, I would like to make you all aware of the arrangements for the end of this Autumn Term.

Foodbank Appeal

In the run up to Christmas, we are again collecting for the Attleborough Foodbank run from the Methodist Church, as a satellite of the Thetford Foodbank, by a Christian Charity called the Trussell Trust. Each form is collecting for this worthy cause and so we would be very grateful if you would give your support to this by donating just one suitable food item for this cause. You can also donate non-food items such as nappies, wipes, soap, shampoo, bubble bath – anything that could make someone's Christmas a bit nicer! Donations should be brought in before 09.00 on the morning of Friday 7 December. Students should hand any donations to their Form Tutor. If you prefer to drop off your donated item yourself then you may do at Visitors' Reception and this would also be gratefully received. Thank you to Mrs Flaherty for continuing to lead on this initiative.

Christmas Lunch

The Catering Team will be offering a student Christmas Lunch in the Dining Hall on Monday 17 December. The cost of the Christmas lunch will be £2.60 and is open to all students.

Arrangements for the Last Day of Term: Early Dismissal

I would like to remind all parents and carers that we will be continuing our Christmas tradition of early dismissal on the last day of the Autumn Term (Tuesday 18 December) at 13.30. All student transport providers have been advised accordingly in order that students are picked up at this time. This also applies to the AAN minibus service. Break time will be extended on this day for students to purchase food as there will be no normal lunch period.

As part of our Christmas fundraising this year, we intend to support the National Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day' on our last day of term. The idea is to get everyone to wear a festive jumper along with non-uniform and there will be prizes for the most original jumpers. **In order to gain the privilege of non-uniform, students will need to donate £1.00 to the collection for the charity between Monday 10 and Friday 14 December during form time otherwise they will need to attend in normal uniform on Tuesday 18 December.** All donations will support the aims of the charity which brings essentials like healthcare, education, protection and food to the millions of children around the world who are missing out on the most basic support.

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3 and Friday 4 January 2019 have been designated as Staff Development Days and therefore, the first day back for students will be **Monday 7 January 2019**. This is a normal school day so all students should arrive at the usual time of 08.40. For your information, this will be a Week B.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year celebrations with your families. We will look forward to welcoming the students back in January 2019.

Kind regards



Neil McShane
Principal

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