

Our ref OFA/ABS/TC

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I want to take the opportunity to thank you for your support this term, update you on some events and wish you all a wonderful Christmas break.

End of term Arrangements- Tuesday 19th December

9.00 - 10.00am - period 1 in normal lessons
10.05 - 11.05am - period 2 in normal lessons
11.05 - 11.20am - break
11.20 - 12.20pm - period 3 in progress forms

12.20pm – End of term for students

Start of term arrangements

Tuesday 2nd January – Academy closed to students, staff training day.

Wednesday 3rd January – Academy opens at 8.30am as normal. Pupils will be in progress forms for periods 1 and 2.

Non Uniform Day – Tuesday 19th December

On Tuesday 19th December, there will be a Christmas jumper/non-uniform day for students where we will raise money for National Christmas Jumper Day on behalf of the Save the Children charity, £1 per family will be collected on the gate.

Trainers and Leggings

There have been a few students attending the academy in trainers over the last couple of weeks.

The academy position is that we only accept notes from students in medical situations; otherwise all students will be expected to borrow a pair of school shoes. In hardship cases we are more than happy to support the family.

I would also like to remind students that leggings do not form a part of the school uniform. If we identify any student in leggings, including sixth form as they are not business dress, we will contact home.

Equipment

The academy expectation is that students will attend each day with a pencil case that must contain a minimum of pens, pencils, a rubber, a pencil sharpener and a ruler. It is fantastic to see so many well stocked pencil cases containing crayons, highlighters, glue sticks etc. Christmas is the time to get stocked up again.

Speaker, CeCe Sammy and Food Bank collection

As part of the Speakers For School programme and our ongoing commitment to bringing in guest speakers, we have a performer of some renown called CeCe Sammy coming to school on Friday 15th December. CeCe is a vocal and performance coach, known for her TV appearances and contributions on various music and entertainment shows.

CeCe will be speaking to year 7 and year 8 on finding your voice and gaining confidence through music.

CeCe is also a local charities ambassador and as it's local charities day, we'll be collecting for the local food bank. Please can you send your child in with an item for the food bank? If we all donated one item, we could make a huge difference to the lives of people in need over Christmas.

Some suggestions of things you could donate:

- Toiletries: deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes
- Household items: laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid
- Feminine products: sanitary towels and tampons
- Baby supplies: nappies, baby wipes and baby food – but not formula milk due to UNICEF regulations.
- Cereals
- Soup
- Pasta, rice, pasta sauce
- Beans, tinned meat and tinned vegetables.
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits

Once again have an excellent holiday, stay safe and we will see you in the New Year.



Andrew Burns
Principal

