



Christmas Celebrations and End of Term Arrangements

1st December 2025

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we enter December, we wanted to write to parents and carers to share the details of our festive celebrations, and plans for the end of term.

Final Week of Term

Christmas Dinners

This year, alongside a busy calendar of year group activities, pantomime performances, celebration assemblies and trips, there will once again be an opportunity for all students in Year 7-11 to enjoy a two-course Christmas dinner, alongside festive entertainment, during their final week before the Christmas break.

Students will have the opportunity to enjoy a sit-down two-course Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, alongside staff, to celebrate the festive period. The dates of the Christmas dinners for each year group are:

Year 7 – Monday 15th December

Year 8 – Tuesday 16th December

Year 9 – Thursday 18th December

Year 10 and Year 11 - Wednesday 17th December

In order for your child to have a two-course Christmas dinner, we kindly ask that you pre-pay the meal deal price of £2.88 on ParentPay by 10am on Monday 8th December. Please select to pay the **'Christmas Dinner - £2.88'** option on Parent Pay. Alternatively, if your child requires a vegetarian or vegan option, please select **'Vegan Christmas Dinner - £2.88'**. For all other dietary requirements, please contact your Year Team directly.

All free school meal students in Year 7-11 will automatically be allocated a free Christmas dinner as their total funding allocation on this date; there is no need to sign up for this. Students may bring in their own packed lunch should they wish to.

Students in KS3, including those who bring in a packed lunch, will all sit together as a year group to enjoy the festivities so that everyone can enjoy the event entertainment and atmosphere as a community.

We extended the Christmas Dinner option to KS4 students based on requests from our community last year and were delighted to receive great feedback from students about how much they enjoyed this event. Only students in KS4 who purchase a Christmas Dinner will eat their lunch in the hall on their date. Normal 'grab and go' kitchen services will continue alongside the Christmas Dinners for those who do not opt in.

Please note that to allow a grab and go service to continue for other year groups alongside Christmas Dinners, Year 8 students will need to purchase food from The Cube on Monday 15th December only.



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Last Day of Term – Friday 19th December

Christmas Jumper Day

The last day of term, Friday 19th December, will be a non-uniform day for all students in all year groups, with Christmas Jumpers encouraged. There is a £1 suggested donation for this event which can be paid via Parent Pay, or in cash on the day. Families also have the alternative option to donate a book (suitable for secondary school age readers) to our school to support our reading culture; these donations should be given to your child's Year Team on the day.

Christmas Bazaar

On Friday 19th December, students in Years 7-11 will also be able to enjoy stalls at our annual Christmas Bazaar where they can exchange £1 for five tokens to 'spend' on games and food at our student-run Christmas Market over the course of the morning. If you donate on Parent Pay for the non-uniform day, or choose to donate cash on the day, your child will automatically receive tokens for the Bazaar during registration that morning. If students would like to donate more money, they are very welcome to bring in cash to buy extra tokens. Please note, £1 will be paid for all pupil premium and free school meal students to enable them to participate.

All proceeds raised from the Christmas Bazaar and the Christmas Jumper Day will be shared between Save the Children and the charity chosen by our Sixth Form students.

Please note that we will be finishing school earlier on Friday 19th December; students will gather as tutor groups at 12.20pm for a brief Christmas farewell with their tutors and peers before **leaving site at 12.30pm**. Beaver Bus services will be informed of this early finish time.

Thank you all for your support this term. From everyone at The Hinckley School and The Hinckley Sixth Form, we wish you a very happy and restful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

We look forward to welcoming all year groups **back to school at 8:20am on Monday 5th January 2026**.

Kind regards,



Kate Grocock,
Head of School
The Hinckley School