



7th December 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

With only two weeks left of what has been a very busy term, I would like to update you on arrangements for our last week of school and also our return to school in January. I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank students for their contributions to our school community this term. Our students continue to exhibit our PRIDE values, not just inside the classroom and as part of our extensive enrichment programme, but also as individuals and role models within our community. We thank you also for all of your support.

As well as our activities in school during the festive period, I am delighted that our students are involved in so many activities within our local community this year. They will be showing their support for our gift and toy appeal, performing in music recitals for local social groups and staging pantomime performances at local primary schools and care homes. We are very proud of them.

Final Week of Term (18th - 22nd December)

As we come to the end of the year, attendance is still very important as lessons will continue as normal. As always, during the final week of term we will look to have some festive celebrations with our students. Ask your child about the 12 days of Christmas Chocolate Challenge!

Christmas Dinners

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 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 listed below:

Year 8 – Wednesday 20th December

Year 7 and 9 – Thursday 21st December

The deadline for pre-paying the meal deal price of £2.40 on ParentPay is Tuesday 12th December, full details of how to book and additional information can be found by [clicking here](#). All KS3 free school meal students will automatically be allocated a Christmas dinner. Please note that normal lunch service will be suspended for each year group on their Christmas dinner day. Students across the three year groups, including those who bring in a packed lunch, will all sit together to enjoy the festivities, so that everyone can enjoy the event entertainment and atmosphere as a community.

For our older students in Years 10 and 11 a festive baguette will be available along with a reduced grab and go service, on Thursday 21st December, this does not need to be pre-paid. Our older students will also enjoy some festive fun during their lunch break on Thursday 21st December.

Celebrations

Throughout the week students and staff will take part in end of term celebration assemblies, trips and activities. Students will receive certificates, badges and sweet treats to celebrate a successful first term. The assemblies are integral to our culture and provide a great opportunity for our community to join together in order to celebrate the PRIDE shown by all students this term.

Friday 22nd December is our last day of term and it will be a festive jumper day, students may wear a Christmas jumper or adornments (hats, headbands etc) with their normal school uniform. Lessons will run periods 1, 2 and 3 and students will end the day with their form tutors period 4, with an early finish at 12.30pm. On the last day of term students in Years 7-11 will also be able to enjoy stalls at our 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 students would like to spend more money they are very welcome to bring some in to buy extra tokens. All money raised will be donated to charities of our student's choice. Please note, £1 will be paid for all pupil premium and free school meal students.

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 at 8:20am on Monday 8th January 2024.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lisa', written in black ink.

Ms Lisa Hickman
Headteacher