

7 December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

During the last week of term there will be a number of events taking place within the academy.

As we do each year, we will be collecting items for Whale Hill Food Bank to support our local families and community over the Christmas period. Each tutor group will create a food hamper, so we are encouraging our students to bring an item of food or other item to give to their tutor and we welcome all contributions.

On the last day of term, Thursday 15 December 2022, we will be having "Christmas Jumper Day" and we would welcome any voluntary contributions. All contributions received will go to the Whale Hill Food Bank in addition to the hampers. There is no obligation to purchase a jumper however students can still get into the festive spirit by wearing a Christmas hat, headband or socks in addition to wearing their normal academy uniform. Jewellery will not be allowed and will be confiscated if a student is seen wearing it. Makeup is also not permitted.

Our Christmas dinner is also scheduled for Thursday 15 December 2022. If you would like your child to have Christmas dinner then please complete the form (this will be sent separately this week). Please make sure your child has funds in their iPay account. Students receiving free school meals will be offered Christmas dinner or a sandwich/panini. There will be no other options available on that day.

Please find below some other key dates for your diary:

Praising Stars Reports	Monday 12 December 2022
Year 7, 8 and 9 Attendance Reward Trip – Ice-skating (Invite only)	Wednesday 14 December 2022
Year 10 and 11 Attendance Reward Trip – Metro Centre (Invite only)	Wednesday 14 December 2022
Year 10 and 11 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 10 January 2023
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 17 January 2023
Year 8 and 9 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 25 April 2023

We are proud of students and how they represent their community. We encourage them to take pride in being smart and ready to learn each day, skills that they will take into the world of work. We really value your support in ensuring their uniform meets the academy expectations and that they are prepared everyday with their tools for learning; school bag, planner and basic equipment. We look forward to our students returning on Tuesday 3 January 2023 at 8.20am.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr Mark Robinson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Mark Robinson  
Principal