



Bluecoat Beechdale
Academy

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Friday 14th December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: End of Term Arrangements Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 20th December, we will be serving our Christmas lunch. All students will be given the meal for free as a festive gesture and to show our thanks to them for their hard work this term. If students do not wish to eat the meal then they should bring in their own packed lunch. However, they will still be required to sit and eat with the rest of their class as we feel it is important to reinforce our commitment to belonging together at the academy by taking this opportunity to dine together on this occasion.

Final Day of Autumn Term 2018 - Friday 21st December 2018

Students should arrive at the usual time (8:25am) for a normal start to the Academy day. Tutor and assembly time; as well as Periods 1 and 2 will be delivered as usual with the same behavioural and learning expectations as we expect every day. After break, students will complete the inter-House activities for this term by participating in a quiz that will contribute to the overall standings in our House Competition.

Our Dining Room will serve snacks during break and students eligible for free school meals will be able to collect a packed lunch in a 'Grab Bag' before they leave school.

To reward students for all of their hard work and commitment to our raising expectations, the final day will be a **non-uniform** day. The theme for the non-uniform is 'Festive Fashion' and we encourage students and staff to wear something festive. Those choosing not to wear academy uniform are asked to contribute £1 to charity via ParentPay. On the final day of term, **Friday 21st December 2018**, the students will be leaving the Academy from **12:10pm**.



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Return to School

Students are required to return for the start of the Spring Term at the usual time on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Uniform Reminder

At the start of this academic year we made a deliberate effort to improve the standards of uniform and I am delighted to say that the vast majority of students meet these expectations without any need for further reminders. I am mindful that as children grow, there may be need to replace items of uniform throughout the year. Please refer to our website (www.bluecoatbeechdale.co.uk) and contact the academy to ensure that you only purchase items that meet our expectations.

Academy Uniform consists of:

- A BBA blazer
- A BBA clip-on tie
- A black V neck jumper is optional underneath blazer - no cardigans
- A white school shirt with top button fastened
- Black tailored trousers (non-stretchy, not skinny) or black knee-length skirt (non-stretchy)
- Black or white socks or tights
- Flat leather-look black shoes - no boots or sandals.
- A wrist watch is optional - no other jewellery must be worn.

Appropriate Winter Coats

Following the recent cold weather, we recommend that students have an appropriate winter coat for school. Ideally, this should have some waterproof qualities and some reflective material. Hoodies are not appropriate as they are not waterproof. Any items that students wear to keep themselves warm and dry should be worn on the outside of their full school uniform. Students must not wear coats instead of their blazers.

I would like to thank you for your support and to wish you and your family a restful holiday and festive season. We look forward to welcoming the students back in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Elder
Principal