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Dear Parent/Carer

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day – Tuesday 15th December 2026

On Tuesday 15th December, students and staff will be able to opt to participate in our festive charity fundraising event - a 'Christmas Jumper' day. We will be asking for a minimum donation of £2 for students. The money raised will be sent to 'Save the Children UK'.

Contributions for wearing a jumper are required on the payment portal before Monday 7th December; participation is optional and normal academy uniform/dress is acceptable.

The Christmas jumper (or sweatshirt or hoody) can replace the school blazer. Students will not have to wear a tie with it but are required to wear their usual shirt, trousers/skirts and school shoes.

At lunchtime, students and staff have the option of enjoying a Christmas lunch in the dining area. This will be the main lunchtime meal option on the day although there will be a reduced offer of other meals. Sandwiches and baguettes will still be available at both break and lunchtime (subject to availability).

The cost of the Christmas lunch is £2.60 and **MUST BE ORDERED AND PAID FOR ONLINE BY FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER to ensure there is enough turkey or vegetable parcels to go round.** This cost does not cover the purchase of a drink (or any other items) and it would be helpful if students could purchase drinks or other snacks separately, if required, at break-time to reduce the pressures on the catering staff over the busy lunch period.

It is easy to make a payment and choose your child's Christmas lunch option via the online system. Simply log onto https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk with your Username and Password. From the Home Page, click on Accounts and select your child's name, followed by the Details/Pay button to the right of the Fund Name 'Christmas Dinner 2026 - students'. Choose your child preferred Christmas dinner and finally, go to the basket and make your payment.

Students who are entitled to Free School Meals may choose to use their daily allowance to purchase a Christmas lunch but must still do so in advance by completing the online form online system ipay; they cannot use their allowance to purchase one 'on the day'. Where these advance reservations are made, the day's allowance will be automatically allocated and funds for any other food or drink purchases will need to come from top ups to their cashless catering account, by parent(s)/carer(s). Water is always available for students to help themselves. Limited options will still be available for the free school meal cost.

On Tuesday 15th December, students will be given a ticket to hand in at the canteen till. The Christmas Lunchtime will start earlier than our usual lunchtime.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Morris
Principal