

13th December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the final few weeks of Autumn Term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and inform you of the arrangements for the end of term.

Events on Thursday 22nd December 2022

Christmas Jumper Day

This will be on Thursday 22nd December 2022 and students are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper on this day, along with black/blue jeans, black trousers or black skirt. There is a suggested donation of £1 to Crisis Newcastle Charity.

As already communicated, the Nasal Flu immunisations will be taking place on Thursday 22nd December 2022.

Christmas Lunch and Festive Activities

Festive activities will be followed by a Christmas lunch and an early finish at 1.30pm. Please be advised that there will be a vegetarian option, but no other food will be available. Meals will be brought to students at their table in the Dining Halls, which avoids the need for queuing. **The Christmas lunch is £2.30 which we ask that you pay using Pay 360, our online payment system. The usual arrangements for those entitled to Free School Meals will be in place.**

Students break up for Christmas at approximately 1.30pm on Thursday 22nd December 2022 following the day's activities and a Form Tutor period.

The New Term in January 2023

School will resume normal teaching on Monday 9th January 2023 which is a Week B timetable. As always, we expect students to arrive at school in good time for the start of lessons at 8.30am. Breakfast Club will be available as usual at 8.00am.

Uniform and Equipment Expectations

The uniform expectations have not changed since September, however there are a number of students who are not dressing correctly.

Trousers - These should be black school trousers and not jeans or leggings.

False Eyelashes - Students should have natural and non-enhanced lashes; this includes strip lashes and semi-permanent extensions. We ask that these are removed, professionally if required, by Monday.

Jewellery - must not be worn for school. Items of jewellery which are not in line with the policy will be confiscated. If ears are already pierced, only one small, plain gold or silver-coloured stud may be worn in each ear lobe. No other body-piercing is allowed, eg. nose studs, tongue studs or other ear piercings. All studs should be removed for PE.

Hair - should not be outlandish in style or colour and no brightly dyed/multi tonal hair is permitted. Heads must not be shaved, as a guide, a number two cut is the shortest permitted and there should be no tramlines or patterns shaved into hair.

Equipment - students should bring daily, in a bag; pen and pencil, planner, charged Kindle (Years 7 and 8), reading book (Yrs 9, 10 and 11).

As usual, we will be enforcing the uniform and equipment policy.

If you have any questions about the guidance, please do not hesitate to contact school or refer to the attached uniform policy. If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable, please consult school before buying. If there are any extenuating circumstances which mean you are unable to meet the uniform and equipment requirements before Thursday 22nd December 2022, please contact school.

On behalf of everyone here at Studio West, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Huntley
Acting Principal