



11 December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

LAST DAY OF TERM – FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER 2023

I would take this opportunity to give an overview of the end of term arrangements as the holidays are now fast approaching. This has been a tremendous term with many memorable events taking place:

- our first Inspiration Day included a variety of activities covering topics such as mental health, resilience and first aid;
- our alumni GCSE achievement evening celebrating GCSE success;
- Year 11s experienced a Routes to Remarkable evening focusing on achieving their potential;
- Year 7s had the opportunity to experience a team building weekend away with PGL which was enjoyed by all and hopefully formed strong and lasting relationships amongst the year group;
- a special whole school Remembrance Service with student poetry recitals and a moving rendition of The Last Post
- many sporting achievements such as the Year 9 girls becoming the Amber Valley Futsal champions, Key Stage 4 boys' football team getting through to the next stage of the County Cup and the Key Stage 3 girls' football team making it through to the next stage of the County Cup.

This is all in addition to the remarkable lessons they take part in every day!

As the end of term approaches, we ensure that learning takes place right up until the last day and lessons continue as normal in a purposeful fashion. However, we try to also incorporate an element of festive cheer:

Wednesday 20 December

Christmas Dinner – available without pre-booking.

Thursday 21 December (lunchtime)

The JF Reward Christmas party for qualifying students.

Friday 22 December

A rotation of tutor activities, including a rewards assembly, festive singalong and End of Year quiz. Students can also wear a Christmas jumper along with non-school uniform with the donation of £1.00, payable via ParentPay which will be donated to the YMCA and Save the Children.

Break service will run as normal with a shorter, 'grab and go' lunch available for those who need it. Please note students will be dismissed at 1.00pm on this day with school buses rescheduled to arrive at this time.

As part of our personal development programme this year we are also taking part in our reverse advent calendar where each day of December students donate toiletries or other useful items which will be sent to the YMCA to support young people in Derby over the holiday period. The Student Council will also run 'Candy Cane of Kindness' nominations across the school.

We hope that our events this year allow students to reflect on their school community and that it is a time for kindness and forgiveness.

RETURN TO SCHOOL - MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2024

We thank both students and parents for their patience whilst essential works have been carried out on our PE facilities. With the gym now re-open, we ask for your support in once again ensuring the high standard of personal presentation and uniform that we have come to expect from our students. Students should attend school every day in their uniform and get changed into their PE kit whilst on site.

If there is any doubt as to the suitability of a garment, please do check before purchase.

UNIFORM

Please be aware that our uniform providers as from January 2024 will be Loopwear (based at 38 Factory Lane, Ilkeston DE7 8HQ) and Morleys (446 Nottingham Rd, Chaddesden, Derby DE21 6PE) only. As Uniformality (based in Borrowash) have limited uniform stock available they have heavily discounted all of the items remaining. If you do need to replenish or stock up on any items, please contact them on 01332 677498 and you can pay for any items over the telephone. They have kindly offered to deliver any items purchased to the school on Tuesday 9 January where your child can collect this from Student Services at the end of the school day.

We wish all our families and the JF community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



Miss G Tyers
Deputy Head Teacher