

Formby High School

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Dear Parent

As we approach the end of a long and busy autumn term, I would like to thank our students, parents and staff for their support, stamina and hard work. I would like to provide some important information updates before the term ends.

End of Term Arrangements

Term ends for all students on Wednesday 21 December 2022. Students will be required to attend school as normal at 8:50am in full school uniform for an extended morning tutor period, followed by the end of term celebration assembly. Students will be dismissed from school at approximately 12:00 midday. They do not need to bring a bag to school and should ensure any possessions they keep in school are taken home prior to Wednesday.

Festive Activities


As usual, we have our festive favourites on the school calendar before the end of term:

- **'Scrooge' pantomime** – performances by our Year 7/8 cast on 14, 15 and 16 December (7pm) – tickets are now sold out for all dates. We hope the audiences have a fabulous night!
- **Christmas Concert** – a delightful evening of carols and festive music for our school community; taking place at Holy Trinity Church, Formby on Monday 19 December (7pm). [Tickets available via Eventbrite here.](#)
- **Save the Children** – Sixth Form students will be raising funds for Save the Children via their Christmas Jumper Day on 20 December.
- **Christmas Hampers** – Formby Parish Council are once again supporting local disadvantaged families through provision of hampers with some festive favourites to help them during this challenging time of year. The school will also be providing hampers to some of our most in need families.
- **Wool Never Walk Alone** – we will once again be asking our school community to donate a scarf or woolly hat you no longer use to support the Whitechapel Centre in providing these to the homeless across our area. Donations should be brought to school on Tuesday 20 December. The Whitechapel Centre will be attending our end of year assembly to speak with students about their work – if your child wants to bring in some loose change on this day, collection buckets will be available!



FORMBY HIGH SCHOOL
SUPPORTING THE WHITECHAPEL CENTRE

WOOL NEVER WALK ALONE



Please bring in an old woolly item and tie it to a tree in front of the school. All items will be donated to the Whitechapel Centre for the homeless this Christmas.

TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER





Christmas Lunch

This will take place on Wednesday 14 December and the cost will be £3, to include a main course and dessert. The food prepared by our kitchen team is excellent and I am sure they will serve up a delicious Christmas meal. Those students who do not ordinarily have a school meal must ensure their account is sufficiently charged if they choose to have Christmas lunch.

Sixth Form Admissions

Following a very busy Sixth Form Open Evening last month, we are receiving a healthy number of applications for September 2023. If your son/daughter is in Year 11 and has not yet completed an application form, please encourage him/her to do so via our [online application form on the school website](#).

Parent Surgeries

As you may be aware, during the course of the school year, I hold a number of evening surgeries. Should you wish to meet with me, the next surgery is scheduled to take place on Monday 23 January 2022 between 5:30pm and 6:30pm, and I will be inviting a member of our Governing Body to attend. Please contact Mrs Forster, my PA, if you would like to make an appointment (01704 835650).

Building Work

I am very grateful to our students for their patience and understanding whilst building work has been taking place this term. The heating infrastructure upgrade in P Building is due to be completed by the end of term and the roofing works in S Building are nearing completion.

Adverse Weather Conditions

Please be aware that communication to parents about possible or partial closure in the event of adverse weather conditions will be via the school website and ParentMail. Students will also receive communications via Class Charts. If snow is forecast, I ask that you check the school website regularly for updates.

Student Safety

I wish to appeal to all of our students to keep themselves safe over the Christmas period, especially during the dark evenings, when walking alone, cycling and when online. In relation to internet safety, I would like to draw your attention to some excellent resources on the National Online Safety website which you can access it by clicking [this link](#) where you will find a wealth of helpful guides for parents, including information on popular video games and Tik Tok as well as many more general guides parents may find useful. I would strongly urge you to take time to look at these valuable resources.

Start of Spring Term Arrangements

Term will begin for all students at 8.50am on Thursday 5 January 2022. Students should arrive promptly and fully prepared for a full day of teaching – please note that this will be a **Week 1** timetable.

Uniform and Equipment

Students have responded very well to daily uniform and equipment checks by form tutors. If, however, there are any uniform issues that need to be addressed I should be grateful if this is done during the Christmas break. In terms of addressing any equipment needs, stationery items make for very good stocking fillers!

Finally, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and the very best for a prosperous and successful New Year.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher