

6th December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of the End of Term arrangements and some of our upcoming events during WinterFest.

End of Term and Start of New Term

The academy will close to students for the winter break on Wednesday 20th December 2017 at 12.00pm. Brunch will be available to students at the normal break time.

Students will return to the academy after the winter break on Thursday 4th January 2018 at 8.30am. As usual, the academy will be open from 7.30am for students to have breakfast prior to the start of the day.

GSAS launches fourth WinterFest Programme in aid of First Love Foundation

The academy's annual winter festival of arts, culture, learning and social action runs from Friday 1st December to Wednesday 20th December 2017. Once again, our fundraising efforts will be in aid of the First Love Foundation, the charity responsible for the Tower Hamlets Foodbank. All money raised during the campaign will be donated to this most worthy cause. This year's festivities include lunchtime performances in The Street by our very own GSAS Vocal Group, as well as student and staff choirs. We will be recognising excellence and achievement in Science and Maths at the Nobel Prize Awards, taking place on Tuesday 12th December. The academy's annual Christmas Music Concert takes place on Thursday 14th December. Students will also be participating in a Farmers' Market at Mulberry Place on Friday 7th December 2017.

Please see the leaflet attached detailing some of our amazing upcoming events. Highlights of all these events will be shared across our website and social media feeds, so please check these outlets regularly to keep up to date with all the latest activities.

Foodbank collection

From Friday 1st December to Friday 15th December 2017 we will be collecting food items and loose change for Tower Hamlets Foodbank. Donations of long-life, non-perishable foods like tinned fruit, vegetables and meats can be collected, as well as toiletries such as toothpaste and shower gel. We hope to donate as much as possible to those in need this Christmas. Our students have set themselves the target of collecting at least 1000 food items this year.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 15th December 2017, students and staff can wear a festive jumper to celebrate our annual Christmas Jumper Day. A £1 donation will be required from all those participating and students will need wear their jumpers on top of their school uniform.

Dress Down Tuesday

Students will be able to continue their fundraising efforts by wearing non-uniform on Tuesday 19th December 2017. Students can donate £1 by wearing trainers with their full school uniform or £2.00 by wearing full non-uniform. Please note that hoodies will not be permitted.

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Staying safe

During the dark winter evenings, we would also ask for your support in reminding your child to use the designated 'safer routes' to and from the academy. Students should not be taking short cuts through parks or estates and should stay on well lit, busy routes.

Please also support the academy in maintaining our high standards by ensuring that your child adheres to our uniform policy which can be found in the student planner or on the academy's website. This includes having a warm, waterproof dark colour winter coat and black sensible school shoes.

We would like to wish all our students, staff and their families a peaceful festive season and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

Ms J Montgomerie
Acting Head of School



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What's On

1st-20th
December
2017

Winter
Fest. 2017

All money raised will go to the Tower Hamlets Foodbank



firstlove
FOUNDATION
Tower Hamlets Foodbank

Tower Hamlets
Foodbank
Campaign

Please bring your donation between 4th and 15th December

Thursday
December

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FARMERS' MARKET
AT MULBERRY PLACE

SIXTH FORM DRAMA

SHOWCASE (INVITED STUDENTS AND PARENTS ONLY)

Monday
December

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MUSIC IN THE STREET AT LUNCHTIME



Tuesday
December

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THE NOBEL PRIZE AWARDS

4.30PM-6.00PM
(INVITED STUDENTS AND PARENTS ONLY)

Wednesday
December

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CHOIR AT LUNCHTIME



WOMAN IN BLACK

PERFORMANCE AT 5.00PM -6.00PM
(BY INVITE ONLY)

Thursday
December

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MUSIC CONCERT 5PM-6PM



(INVITED STUDENTS AND PARENTS ONLY)

Friday
December

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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY £1

TO WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER

Monday
December

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STAFF PANTO

WANT TO WATCH IT? PICK UP A LETTER FROM YOUR TUTOR. RETURN THE SIGNED REPLY SLIP AND BUY YOUR TICKET ON SALE AT BREAK

£1

Tuesday
December

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DRESS-DOWN TUESDAY

£1 TO WEAR YOUR TRAINERS
£2 TO WEAR YOUR OWN CLOTHES
(NO HOODIES)