



Diocese of St. Albans



**St. Mary's**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

18<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Year 7 Parent/Carers

### **Christmas Service and end of term arrangements**

This short letter comes as we come to the close of the autumn term with a couple of quick reminders about the last few days of the term. As a Church School we really value and enjoy the opportunity to come together and celebrate this special time of year.

#### Christmas Carol Service

Our Annual Christmas Carol Service is a very popular event that takes place in St Mary the Virgin Church in Churchgate, Cheshunt. All Year 7 students are expected to attend this service and parents/carers and members of the family are very welcome to attend. The service starts at 7pm and lasts for approximately an hour. After the service, guests are invited to join us for hot chocolate and mince pies that will be served in the Church. A collection will be taken at the end of the service and will be split between the Church and Children in Need.

#### Christmas Lunch: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas lunch will be served in the dining room on Thursday and will cost £2.59. Please make sure your child has sufficient funds on their account to cover the costs of the Christmas lunch and for any remaining meals that they wish to take this term. The servery will be open at break on Thursday, but not at lunchtime. Christmas lunch is a great occasion when we take time to share a festive lunch together and have the opportunity to thank Mrs Mansfield and her Catering Team for their hard work looking after our break and lunchtime lunches, snacks and drinks throughout the year.

#### Last Day of Term: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

In response to a request from Student Voice, students will be raising funds for Save the Children on Friday. Students can make a donation of £1 and in return will be able to wear a Christmas jumper (with their own clothes – not school uniform). Parents/carers are asked to support school standards and make sure that students are appropriately dressed for school with no high heels, cropped tops or inappropriate logos on clothing.

Year 7 will have normal lessons on Friday for periods 2 and 3, after which they will have a short break before returning to their form rooms for time with their tutor. There will be an end of term assembly and act of worship in the main hall at 12.10pm, after which the students will be allowed to leave school. Please check that your child is able to get home safely at this earlier than normal time. Please note that there will be breakfast and morning break refreshments, but no lunch service.

#### In Summary: The Final Week of Term

- Tuesday 18th December – Christmas Carol Service at St Mary the Virgin Church, Cheshunt. Service starts at 7pm.
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch served in the dining room – cost £2.59
- Friday 21st December – Last day of autumn term – students dismissed at 12.30pm. The school bus will leave at 12.45pm

#### First day of the Spring Term 2019

Students return to school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 for a normal day when they will need to wear full school uniform and be ready for a full day of timetabled lessons.

Key dates for the spring term will follow in the end of term newsletter.

Thank you very much - I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas service tonight.

*S Benbow*

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