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Dear Parent

Christmas Update

I am delighted to write to you as we approach that special time of year again with information on our planned Christmas activities.

We plan to spend December celebrating our wonderful students' achievements and community involvement with some special events, including raising money for charitable causes.

Below is a timeline of Christmas activities:

Christmas Tree - Monday 25 November

A Christmas tree will be erected in the central school block and decorated by members of the Student Leadership Team.

Rudolph Run – Thursday 12 December

A sponsored event in aid of Nelson's Journey, to support children who are bereaved. The event is to take place in the Sports Hall from 3.15pm until 4.00pm.

Creative Education Trust Joint Carol Service - Thursday 12 December

The traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was invented at the close of the First World War as a means to bring variety and pleasure to church worship at Christmas. Students, parents, and academy staff are invited to participate in the Creative Education Trust's Joint Carol Service at Great Yarmouth Minster on Thursday 12 December at 6.00pm.

The Christmas Show - Monday 16 December to Wednesday 18 December

Our Christmas Show performance dates are Monday 16, Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 December 2024. We are very proud of the hard work our students and performing arts staff have put into this year's production. Tickets for the show are priced at £5.50 each and will be on sale via www.ticketsource.co.uk from 6.00pm on Monday 25 November. All tickets must be purchased in advance, as these will be unavailable for purchase on the evening.

Caister Coins Secret Event – Wednesday 18 December

The year group with the highest number of coins will be invited to our mystery rewards event.

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Christmas Lunch – Thursday 19 December

We are delighted to be hosting a traditional festive Christmas lunch for all year groups. Options include roast turkey with chipolata and stuffing or vegetable wellington, complete with all the trimmings. Lunch will be followed with a festive gingerbread man. Christmas lunch is £2.50 for all non-free school meal students and will be payable separately via ArborPay. If your child would like a Christmas lunch, please complete the attached form [Christmas Lunch Order Form](#), including those that are in receipt of free school meals. Students not participating in the Christmas lunch, must ensure that they either have a packed lunch with them or will have the option to purchase sandwiches or baguettes on the day. There will be no other lunch options available. To book your child's Christmas lunch please complete the form by 12.00pm on Friday 29 November. Following the completion of the form, please ensure there is sufficient funds in your ArborPay account as the money will be taken on the day for Christmas lunch. Please complete one form for each child.

Young Carers Christmas Celebration – Thursday 19 December

To celebrate the festive season with our Young Carer Community, we will be holding a VIP Christmas lunch and afternoon celebration. Invitations to this event will be distributed to Young Carers over the next few days. If you have any questions with regards to this event, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ames via email luke.ames@caisteracademy.org.uk.

Christmas Jumper Day- Thursday 19 December

All students and staff are invited to make a £1.00 donation to Save the Children and wear a Christmas jumper for the last day of term. To minimise disruption to learning, I would like to emphasise that this is not a non-school uniform day. Student's will be expected to follow normal uniform guidelines, but may substitute their shirt, blazer, and tie for a Christmas jumper. If you would like your child to discretely borrow a Christmas jumper for the day, please ask them to visit Mrs Butcher in Mathematics 6.

Last Day of Term – Friday 20 December

Assemblies and Reward Event

Timings of the last day of term will remain as normal. However, we will include celebration of our students' success this term with the following celebration assemblies:

- Period 1 – 8.50am-9.35am - Year 11
- Period 2 – 9.50am-10.35am - Year 10
- Period 3 – 11.10am-11.55am - Year 9
- Period 4 – 12.10pm-12.55pm - Year 8
- Period 5 – 1.50pm-2.35pm - Year 7

These assemblies will take place in the Sports Hall. During each assembly we will present certificates, badges, and medals for rewards earned during the term, we will also celebrate our Principal's Reward earners. Parent invitations will follow shortly.

Following their assembly our high reward earners will be invited to a special event in school.



Support over the Holiday Season

For anyone who might seek additional support during this time of year, the following local providers are available:

[Caister Community Larder](#)

[Flegg Area Foodbank](#)

[The Salvation Army Great Yarmouth](#)

[Leeway - Domestic Abuse Helpline](#)

Other assistance can be sought by contacting Great Yarmouth Borough Council's support line 0808 196 2236. Your situation will then be assessed, and you may either be referred to a food bank, or your needs will be addressed with support, advice, and signposting to other agencies.

Thank you

Finally, I would like to thank you for supporting our school community this term and wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. I look forward to welcoming our students back rested and ready for another exciting year on Tuesday 7 January.

Yours faithfully

Emma Preston
Vice Principal