



Burscough Priory Academy
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Headteacher Mrs L MacLaren

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Dear Parent,

School Update – 6 December 2023

Year 11 Practice Examinations

Year 11 started their Practice Examinations on Monday 4 December and these continue into the last two weeks of term. We know that they have been working hard in class and at home to be prepared and we wish them the very best of luck. In order to administer the examinations, the structure of the school day will change and lunch will start one hour earlier at 12.10 – 12.50pm (3/2 split). Lunch ordering arrangements and the rota will remain unchanged and in the final week of term, on Monday 18 December, the times will revert to 'normal' (4/1 split).

Christmas Lunch

We are also delighted to inform you that Burscough Priory Academy catering staff will be preparing Christmas lunch for our students on Thursday 21 December. The menu will include roast turkey and all the trimmings, a dessert and a drink at a cost of £3.20 per head.

If your child would like to join us for Christmas lunch, please make the payment on School Gateway, listed as 'Christmas Lunch 2023', **by Thursday 14 December at 4.00pm**. ***Please note the revised date following correspondence with our catering suppliers.***

Christmas lunch is a separate payment and cannot be deducted from a student's dinner money account.

If your ***child is entitled to a free school meal*** and would like a Christmas lunch, we will ensure that they receive this on the day. This needs to be ordered on School Gateway but there will be a zero charge for it. Please add the Christmas lunch to your basket and confirm your order and you will receive a confirmation pop-up message.

If you would like to request a vegetarian option or if your child has any other dietary requirements, please email enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org with the details. Sadly, the School Gateway system does not have the capacity for this to be recorded on it. The deadline for receipt of this information is **by Thursday 14 December at 4.00pm**.



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If your child does not wish to have Christmas lunch, 'grab bags' will still be available and will be served in the ROSLA dining room. Food other than the Christmas lunch **must** be pre-ordered on the day using the screens in school.

Christmas Jumper Day & Non-Uniform

Thursday 21 will also be Christmas accessories (non-stud earrings are not permitted), Christmas Jumper and non-uniform Day. Donations (in money) in aid of Save the Children are welcome and will be collected during break and lunchtime. Our Student Council have also made an alternative suggestion; if you would like to (instead of or in addition to a monetary donation) make a further contribution to our foodbank appeal, we would also accept this. This can be brought in before or on the 21 December and will be recorded as a student's donation.

If you do have any pre-loved, clean Christmas jumpers that you have outgrown and would like to bring them into school to donate and then swop, please pass them into reception by Friday 15 December. At the end of term, any left in school will be donated to a local charity.

Pastoral Team Update

We are delighted to have recently appointed two further members of staff to add capacity to the pastoral team in school. This means that from Monday 11 December and after Christmas, the dedicated Heads of Year are:

Year 7 – Mr McCarrick

Year 8 – Miss Daly

Year 9 – Mrs Statter

Year 10 & 11 – Miss Pardoe Matthews

We would also like to take this opportunity to let you know that Miss Pagliarulo, currently responsible for Year 8 & 9, will leave us for a new post at the end of this term. We wish her lots of luck with her new role.

Mr Lyons, Head of School becomes the Designated Safeguarding Lead with Mrs Hamill, Mrs Oliver and Miss Pardoe-Matthews as the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads in school – this will be reviewed after Christmas.



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The Xmas Factor

We would like to invite you to our performance of 'The Xmas Factor' which will take place on Monday 18th December at 5.00pm in the Main Hall. Students from all groups will entertain you and with an alternative version of the Nativity.

This promises to be an exciting performance of Drama, Music and Dance and we look forward to welcoming you. Tickets cost £3 and are available through the school Gateway system now.

HAF Programme

The HAF programme, run by the West Lancashire Sports Partnership, is running over the Christmas period. This is for families who qualify and entitles their child to access a range of high-quality activities and an accompanying food offer for the family. If you are eligible, you will have been sent an email to invite your family and child to participate. This is a great opportunity and offer – please have a look [here](#) if you qualify.

End of Term

We anticipate a positive, industrious and enjoyable end to the autumn term and we will write to you again in the final week. Advance notice, in line with the school calendar, school will close on Friday 22 December at 12.30pm and the buses are booked. Brunch will be served late morning and students who are eligible for free school meals can use their allowance to make a purchase. School will reopen in the new year on Monday 8 January 2024 at 8.45am.

Thank you for your continued support for both activities in school and all of our extra-curricular activities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us using enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org

Yours faithfully,

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