

12 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you in good spirits as we move into the Christmas holiday.

You will have heard in the news recently about the increased number of children contracting Strep A. The signs and symptoms of Strep A include; a high temperature (above 38^o), severe muscle aches, localised muscle tenderness and redness at the site of a wound. If you think your child may have Strep A then you should go to your local pharmacy where they will be able to check for you. In most cases Strep A can be treated with a course of antibiotics. At this time of year, it is important to stress the benefits of considering the flu vaccination and the importance of cleaning hands correctly, especially after coughing and sneezing into them.

Christmas Carol Concert – Tuesday 13 December

On Tuesday 13 December, the Christmas Carol Concert is taking place in our school hall. Tickets are available to purchase at £2.00 per person and they will be on sale on the evening. It promises to be a deeply meaningful and wonderful celebration of our Academy community.

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day – Wednesday 14 December

Christmas lunch will take place on, Wednesday 14 December, if you wish your child to have a Christmas lunch but he/she does not normally eat school dinners, then you can pay £2.20 for a set menu (a main course and pudding).

Year 11 School Photographs – Monday 19 December

Tempest Photography will be in school on the morning of Monday 19 December to take the individual photographs of our Year 11 students.

NEW Cold weather protocols

As the weather begins to turn colder I have introduced some changes to the start of the day. Students will no longer be required to line-up outside before coming into the building. Instead we are opening the gates at 8.15am for students to come into school before lessons begin. In addition to this, students can have toast and hot chocolate before morning registration **free of charge** in the main dining hall.

On Tuesday 20 December school breaks-up for the Christmas holiday at 12 noon. If your child usually travels on one of our school coaches, these will be available at this time.

Students return to the Academy on Wednesday 4 January 2023.

Thank you once again and I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Keough
Headteacher