



Wellfield Academy

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Friday 10th December 2021

Dear Parents and Students,

End of Term Arrangements

We hope you are well and that you are looking forward to the Christmas break. As we are now approaching the end of a busy term, we wanted to write to provide an update on some of the key information for the final few days.

Cinderella

There has been so much excitement around school over the last few weeks as our performance of Cinderella grew closer. The week started with a dress rehearsal with Year 5 and 6 children from Northbrook, one of the primary schools within our Trust. The children absolutely loved the performance and so did all of the staff, parents and governors who attended on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. A big thank you to everyone for your support and to each and every one of our students who were simply amazing. All of the hard work paid off in the end and I was so proud of the students, once again.

I do want to say a special thank you to Mrs Starbuck and Mrs Taylor who have dedicated many hours during rehearsals and set design over the past few months to make the performance such a success. The students are lucky to have such passionate staff and we are lucky to have such talented students!

Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 16th December, students are encouraged to attend school wearing a Christmas jumper for the day. If students wish to do so, the jumper should be worn over the school shirt and they do not need to wear their blazer or tie for the day but must wear their normal school skirt/trousers and shoes. Full school uniform should be worn if students do not wish to attend wearing a jumper.

Students in Year 11 are expected to come into school on the day in full school uniform for their final practice exam. They will then be given the opportunity to change into their jumpers for the rest of the day.

We are, however, mindful that Christmas jumpers can be expensive. As an alternative, students can join in the celebrations by attending school wearing different Christmas decorations. This can be a Christmas headband, tinsel attached to their wrists or baubles attached to a jumper they have decorated, for example. If you do have any Christmas jumpers that your child has now outgrown, please do donate them to us so we can reuse with some of our students. Our staff will also be showing off their Christmas jumpers on the day, too!



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Christmas Lunch

One of our school Christmas traditions is for staff to serve up Christmas dinner to students during an extended lunch break. The canteen will be decorated, tables set and Christmas music played for us to enjoy the lunch together with students. This will also take place on **Thursday 16th December**. To ensure we order the right amount of turkey, if your son/daughter would like to join in with the celebrations, we ask that they pre-order the lunch with our canteen staff by completing the sheet in their Tutor folder. The cost of the lunch is £2.30, payment must be made by Scopay, please contact the office if you have any queries regarding Scopay. Cold lunch options will be available as normal for students who do not wish to order the hot lunch.

Rock FM- Cash for Kids

We are continuing to collect donations of new toys for Rock FM's Cash for Kids Mission Christmas. If you are in a position where you are doing your Christmas shopping and can afford to purchase an extra gift to donate, please do so. Any donation needs to be unopened and unwrapped so that the Mission Christmas team can organise them into the appropriate age groups to ensure children across our area do not wake up on Christmas Day without a gift to open.

Donations are being collected by the school office until Wednesday 15th December.

Friday 17th December

The term will end with tutor activities and celebrations of individual and collective success since September. There is so much to be proud of throughout the term and we are looking forward to reflecting and celebrating the successes with students. Celebrations have historically been done during a whole school assembly. However, whilst we are still contemplating whether we need to reduce the amount of students in one area due to the new Covid variant, student success will still be acknowledged and rewarded throughout the morning, potentially in Year group assemblies instead.

It goes without saying that students are expected to continue to meet our high expectations and standards right up to the very end of term.

A reminder that students will **finish school at 12.30pm**. Our school minibus service will continue to be in place on the day.

January 2022

Many parents will be aware that schools have been informed that we are expected to complete in-school COVID testing when students return for the new term in January. There is the option for this to schools to stagger the return of students to ensure all those with consent have been tested before they mix amongst the school community. We are continuing to discuss with leaders across our Trust and, once decisions have been finalised, we will write to all parents with an outline of our plans.

As always, we encourage parents to contact us through the school email address (enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org) if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Lewis

Head of School