



Dear parents and carers

I hope that you are all well. I can't believe that we are already part way through December! We are very much looking forward to celebrating the festive period here at the Academy. I thought that I would write to you to update you on our plans over the next couple of weeks.

12 Days of Christmas

Please find attached this year's plan. There is something for everyone and we anticipate that much fun will be had by all.

Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day December 8th

We are definitely all still "feeling the pinch" this year so we are doing things slightly differently. Students and staff are invited to wear **a Christmas jumper, a Christmas coloured jumper, Christmas socks or Christmas accessories** for a small donation to this very important charity. £1 donations can be made on Scopay or alternatively, buckets for loose change will be available outside of school on the morning of the 8th December. **This is a non uniform day.** If you have any "preloved" Christmas jumpers, socks or accessories you would like to donate, we will ensure they go to a good home. Thanks in advance.

Christmas Dinner

Following last year's success, this will take place over 2 days again this year. (years 7,8 and 9 on Wednesday 13th December and years 10 and 11 on Thursday 15th December). Lunchtime will be staggered and extended slightly to reduce the queue. Students who are not involved in Christmas lunch will still be able to purchase "Grab 'n' Go" items for that one day. There is no need to book for your child to have their Christmas lunch, money will be deducted in the usual way from their Scopay account and will be the usual price of a meal/meal deal. This is always a really special occasion with Christmas hats, crackers and music (and sometimes even dancing!). An event definitely not to be missed, please encourage your child to get involved.

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas Concert will take place on Monday 18th December. This is always a fantastic event which is guaranteed to fill us with Christmas spirit (and perhaps even make us shed a tear). Tickets



can be purchased from Mrs Wilkinson on a breaktime (£4 adults and £2 children). We hope to see you there.

End of term

The Academy will close at the usual time on **Wednesday 20th December** and will reopen on **Monday January 8th**. Whilst we will be having lots of fun over the next couple of weeks, lessons and the delivery of the curriculum will continue right up until the end of term and high levels of attendance are essential and expected. Assessments will take place early next term and more details on these will follow.

We will be sharing updates and photos of our end of term celebrations on the website and via our social media; please keep checking for updates. I also look forward to sharing our Christmas newsletter with you shortly.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Falconer', with a large, stylized initial 'N'.

Mrs N Falconer
Head of School



12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

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TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER

12 Days of Chocolate Day 1
Launch of house Christmas tree competition
Elf anagram challenge
Santa Paws Day 1

2

WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

12 Days of Chocolate Day 2
Elf anagram challenge
Santa Paws Day 2
Launch of the Careers Christmas Quiz

3

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

12 Days of Chocolate Day 3
Santa Paws Day 3

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FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

12 Days of Chocolate Day 4
Christmas jumper day
Santa Paws Day 4
Easington does The Chase Year 8

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MONDAY 11 DECEMBER

12 Days of Chocolate Day 5
Christmas door competition
Christmas Open MIC KS3
Santa Paws Day 5

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TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER

12 Days of Chocolate Day 6
Christmas Open MIC KS4
Santa Paws Day 6
Movie Night Year 10 & 11

7

WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER

12 Days of Chocolate Day 7
Year 7, 8 and 9 Christmas Lunch
Santa Paws Day 7

8

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER

12 Days of Chocolate Day 8
Year 10 and 11 Christmas Lunch
Santa Paws Day 8

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FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

12 Days of Chocolate Day 9
Staff vs Year 11 Netball
Santa Paws Day 9
Hot chocolate buffet for the winners of the Careers Christmas Quiz

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MONDAY 18 DECEMBER

12 Days of Chocolate Day 10
House tree decorating winner
Making an IMPACT Tutor Group reward
Christmas Tutor Quiz
Christmas Concert
Christmas Open MIC KS3
Santa Paws Day 10

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TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER

12 Days of Chocolate Day 11
Candy Cane Deliveries
Christmas Open MIC KS4
Christmas bingo
Santa Paws Day 11

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WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER

12 Days of Chocolate Day 12
Candy Cane Deliveries
Christmas farewell from staff
House Reward
Santa Paws Day 12



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THROUGHOUT THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

-  Elf anagrams 10 anagrams will be placed around school. Solve the puzzle and email Miss Jenkins the answer by 3:30 pm on Wednesday 6th December. Prize draw for a chocolate treat!
-  House Christmas tree competition. Make or buy Christmas tree decorations in your house colour to decorate your house tree. Leave your decorations in the boxes in the HUB. Each student in the winning house gets a house point!
-  Christmas Jumper Day Wear your festive jumper and make a donation on Scopay for Save The Children.
-  Tutor Christmas Door Challenge Students will vote for the winning door, which tutor will win the prize?
-  Santa Paws: Everyday for 12 days you will be shown a photo of a member of staff in disguise and their pet. Guess who it is for a chance to win prizes!
-  12 Days of Chocolate Students with the highest number of house points will be visited and rewarded with chocolate during period 5.
-  If you would like to send a Candy Cane then please order them from Mrs Hawkins by Thursday 14th December. 50p per candy cane.