



December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

1. End of Term Arrangements

Please note that **Thursday 19th December is the last day of term. We finish the school day early at 12:30pm.** Any students who are in receipt of a free school meal can collect this from The Galley as usual or can spend their allowance **at break time.** Bus companies have been notified of the earlier finish time.

As part of our 'in-school' activities and celebrations, students are invited to wear **non-uniform on Thursday 19th December. We encourage students to wear a Christmas jumper and to donate £1 towards the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.** We ask that monies are paid to Form Tutors during morning registration on the day. We hope that students enjoy taking part in this event but ask that students dress appropriately for learning and remain ambassadors for their Academy. We therefore request:

- No strappy or strapless tops
- No short skirts or shorts
- No baseball caps or woolly hats
- No excessive makeup, false nails or jewellery as per our uniform expectations
- No offensive slogans
- No high-heeled shoes or boots

Students who do not comply with our expectations will not be allowed to take part in future non-uniform events.

2. Student Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 17th December, we will be holding our student Christmas lunch. This will be available to all students who receive free school meals. The cost will be £3 for all other students. There will be entertainment from our school choir who will be singing Christmas carols.

3. The New Term

School reopens for the new term on Tuesday 7th January 2020. I ask for your support in ensuring that your son/daughter arrives to school on time. The main reasons for poor punctuality are not getting up in time or not coming directly to school. Students miss vital information from their Head of Year and Form Tutor if they are not present for registration.

7.45am – school opens and free breakfast is available for all students

8.35am – line-up in the Courtyard

8.40am – registration – arrival after this time will be recorded as late

Please work with us so that your son/daughter arrives to school on time every day. If you wish to know more about your child's punctuality, please contact our Attendance Improvement Manager, Miss Reeve at W.Reeve@tsatrust.org.uk who will be happy to assist.



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4. Uniform Expectations

The Christmas break is an opportunity to ensure your child has the correct uniform for the start of the new term.

Students in Years 7 – 11:

- Academy blazer
- Plain black V-neck jumper (optional). Not to be worn without a blazer.
- White shirt – short or long sleeved
- Academy tie (House colour)
- Black tailored trousers – no casual style or Lycra material **or** a black, knee-length, dropped-waist, box-pleated skirt for girls. **Any other style is considered incorrect and is not permitted in the Academy**
- Tights – **plain black or skin colour**
- **Socks – plain black ankle socks (no frills or colours)**
- Shoes – plain black formal shoes (no boots, canvas shoes or trainers allowed)
- Coat (Plain colour, no logos). Hoodies, tracksuit tops, denim and leather jackets are not permitted.
- Black headscarf (to be worn for religious reasons only)

Sixth Form Students are to present themselves in appropriate business dress.

Full details of our uniform and equipment code can be found on our website at <https://www.thevictoryacademy.org.uk/students-parents/uniform-equipment/>

Finally, thank you for your continued support. I am very proud of our young people and their successes to date, and am confident that they will continue to flourish and achieve within our Academy.

I wish you all a very happy and restful Christmas break. Happy New Year to you all.

Mrs M Hall
Head of School (Culture & Ethos)



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