



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear parents and carers,

### Christmas at Kirk Hallam Community Academy

In our 50<sup>th</sup> year, we have had an opportunity to reflect on the importance of tradition in creating memorable experiences for students and families. Christmas is fast approaching and we have activities planned for our final week that will build on some already established traditions here at Kirk Hallam.

On **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**, all year groups will have assemblies with the Senior Leadership Team where praise postcards for character points will be given to students who have received 100, 150 or 200 positive points so far this year.

On **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**, there will be a Christmas bake sale outside The Glade and students are encouraged to bring some change to buy festive sweet treats.

On **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, we will be having our annual Christmas lunch – please note, this is a date change from the previously advertised Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to parents who have already [paid via ParentPay in advance](#) – remember that only students having Christmas dinner will be served in the canteen that day. Sandwiches will be available in the old gym but we really would love to see as many students as possible for pre-paid Christmas lunch with friends, served by staff wearing Christmas fancy dress! (For students in receipt of Pupil Premium, parents still should visit ParentPay as we need to count up numbers of dinners to prepare.) Additionally on Wednesday, 4pm will be the start of our Christmas quiz up in the Learning Resource Centre and all families are invited – see letter from Mrs Garvey [or click here to sign up](#).

On **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**, students who have not received a C2 since Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November *and* have excellent attendance will be invited to watch a Christmas movie in the Lakeside Hall with drinks and snacks. In the evening we are very excited for our Christmas concert where students across all year groups will be performing Christmas songs, carols and drama pieces. Tickets are available [via ParentPay](#).

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, it will be a charity non-uniform/Christmas Jumper day for donations for £1 [via ParentPay](#). Our newly established Student Leadership Team will be deciding how they wish the school to use the funds raised. Friday afternoon will be a staggered end to the school day with year 11 leaving site at 2.05pm, year 10 at 2.15pm, year 9 at 2.25pm, year 8 at 2.35pm and year 7 at 2.45pm. The school bus will leave at 2.50pm. If you do need your child to be supervised until 3.05pm please contact us at the academy and we will arrange this.

We look forward to a fun-filled final week of the autumn term and seeing students and staff getting in the festive spirit!

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Turner  
Headteacher