



Newsletter December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into our last full week of this autumn term, I am writing with some updates regarding the end of term, and some notices regarding school uniform and equipment at the start of next term.

End of term arrangements

Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 12th December, pupils will have the option of enjoying a Christmas lunch with us. As in previous years, pupils must have pre-paid £2.40 by Wednesday 11th December in order to join us for some festive favorites.

School Show

This year the pupils having been working hard to prepare for 'Snow White and the 7 Doves'! There will be performances on Thursday 12th, Friday 13th, and Saturday 14th December. Tickets cost £5 for pupils and £6 for adults. Tickets are available from the Dome School Shop.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Monday 16th December there will be a non-uniform Christmas Jumper Day. This year we will be raising funds for The Ear Foundation and suggest a £1 donation which will be collected by tutors. I am delighted to inform you that our non-uniform day for Children in Need raised £865.

Last day of term

On Tuesday 17th December we will be finishing the term with Christmas assemblies through the morning. Lessons will finish at the end of period 4, at 12:35 p.m. There will be additional food at break time where Free School Meal allowances will be available to use. We will be asking pupils to have cleared the site by 1:00 p.m. as staff will be involved in meetings through the afternoon.

Preparing for January 2020 – Uniform and Equipment

I would like to begin by thanking parents and carers for your on-going support as we work to improve standards at Kirk Hallam. This term we have been focussing on punctuality, and in January we will be turning our attention to uniform and equipment standards.

School Uniform

Our expectations regarding school uniform are not changing, and so the information that has been on our website since last year is still correct (listed overleaf), but I would like to draw your attention to three points in particular:

1. Pupils must wear shoes, not trainers (pictures of examples are on our website)
2. School skirts should be knee length and not of the 'tube' type that are skin tight
3. In colder weather pupils should wear coats over their blazer, not hoodies or sweatshirts

I would greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that your child's uniform meets our expectations. For those pupils who arrive at school incorrectly dressed, we will have a stock of shoes and other uniform items to loan for the day. Persistent non-compliance will unfortunately mean time in detention after school.

School Equipment

Once again, our expectations regarding school equipment are not changing, and these are listed below. We also run an equipment shop every break time in The Dome, where pupils can buy all of the items on our equipment list at cost prices:

Pen	5p	Highlighter	15p
Pencil	5p	Calculator	£6.50
Eraser	10p	Clear pencil case (suitable for exams)	60p
Ruler	15p	Replacement planner	£4.00

Please can you help your child prepare for next term by checking through their uniform and equipment with them. Your support ensures that teachers can focus on the content of their lessons without distraction or interruption.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Watts
Head of School

KHCA Uniform Requirements, as they appear on our website, www.kirkhallamacademy.co.uk

ACADEMY UNIFORM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

- * Plain white shirt with stiff collar (can be short-sleeved, no soft collar or polo shirts)
- * Official Academy blazer with logo
- * Official clip-on academy tie with logo
- * Plain black trousers (no leggings, jeggings, tight fashion trousers or skinny trousers, no denim or cord material)
- * Plain black skirt (must be knee-length, no tube / Lycra skirts)
- * Plain black tights must be worn with a skirt (no socks or patterned tights)
- * Black shoes (no trainers or pumps). We understand that there is pressure from children for certain types of shoes, click here for clarification on [suitable shoes](#) (*links to pictures on website*) and examples of **unsuitable shoes** (*links to pictures on website*)
- * A plain coloured coat (no hoodies or leather jackets)
- * School bag
- * Natural hair colour

STUDENTS MUST NOT WEAR:

- * Jewellery (except one stud in each ear)
- * Denim clothing of any sort
- * False, acrylic or gel nails
- * Hoodies either as a jumper or as a coat
- * Extreme haircuts – defined as less than a number one; hair with tramlines cut in or contrasting colours
- * Excessive make-up
- * Caps/hats, in lessons or around the academy site
- * Trainers or other similar sports and designer clothing