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30th November 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

We are currently finalising plans for the final weeks of term, and would like to outline these plans. Please note that some of our traditional pre-holiday activities have had to be cancelled or adjusted to ensure that we can operate within the guidelines provided by Suffolk County Council's Health team.

Event	Date	Key Information
School Christmas Concert	Thursday 9th December @ 6pm	<p>This event will take place at St Mary's Church, not at school.</p> <p>Tickets cost £4 and will be available through ParentPay. The number of tickets available is limited. More details will follow from the music team on how to access tickets.</p> <p>There will also be a collection for charity on the door.</p>
School Vocal Concert at St Mary's Church	Monday 13th December @ 6pm	<p>Our traditional Christmas Concert will be held at St Mary's Church in Woodbridge.</p> <p>Tickets cost £4 and will be available through ParentPay. Tickets will be limited and more details will follow from the Music team on how to access tickets.</p> <p>There will also be a collection for charity on the door. This is a lovely evening and we serve fruit punch and mince pies at the end.</p> <p>The charity supported this year will be: YOUNG MINDS.</p>

		<p>In addition we will be recording our ensembles and groups during the next couple of weeks so that we can provide a concert 'online' for those who cannot be there in person, such as friends and family members.</p> <p>We will also provide a link for care settings to use over the festive season. These will be in the format of video recordings. Due to restrictions we will not be able to facilitate the Senior Citizen's Concert so wish to provide online access as an alternative.</p> <p>For both the Christmas Concert and the Vocal Concert we would ask that, whilst masks are not mandatory, they be worn.</p> <p>We won't be singing any congregational carols at the Carol Service as we are keen to minimise the risk of spreading COVID, especially before the Christmas break. However, there is no reason for you not to practise at home for next year!</p> <p>At this point we are still working out how we will manage the video recordings to go online. However, on Wednesday 8th December Sinfonia will be rehearsing from 4-6pm at St Mary's Church.</p>
<p>Christmas Jumper Day And Christmas Hamper Day</p>	<p>Friday 10th December</p>	<p>Anyone can wear a Christmas jumper instead of a school jumper on this day – but otherwise it is normal school uniform. Wearing a Christmas jumper is optional and you don't need to go out and purchase one (you can improvise with your own design) or go along to our Christmas jumper swap shop – details of which were emailed out to parent/carers yesterday.</p> <p>From early December onwards, please can each student bring in an item for their form hamper. The finished hampers will be displayed on 10th December. The idea is to bring in one good quality item so that everyone can wear non-uniform on the last day. Items need to be quality goods suitable for the elderly, children or those in need.</p> <p>There are awards for the best hampers and we usually get wonderful designs and they look fantastic.</p>

Please complete and print the form below and return to your child's form tutor as soon as possible – thank you.

PLEASE RETURN TO FORM TUTORS

For Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

Sixth Form do not need to reply

Confirmation of Autumn Term Last Day Arrangements

Name of Student Tutor Group

My child will be taking the following option on **Friday 17th December 2021**:

- leaving school at 1.10 pm and going straight home.

- staying in school until 3.25 pm (supervised work will be provided for any students who stay).

Signed:

Parent/Carer's Name:

Date: