

8th December 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for all your support so far this half term. Our students continue to work hard and demonstrate our school values, with visitors always commenting on the calm and purposeful atmosphere and friendly welcome from students and staff.

It has been great to see parents of students in Year 8 and 11 during our online subject Parents Evenings and Parent Forum, as well as in person at our wonderful winter concert, featuring over 100 of our students! We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents and family members who are attending or production of A Christmas Carol, with over 70 students taking part. We will be inviting parents of students in Year 8-11 to attend on site events to support their child's progress during the spring and summer terms.

Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Lunch: Next Wednesday we will be serving our annual Christmas lunch. This is for the usual meal price of £2.35 and provided for students in receipt of Free School Meals. The cost of the meal includes a traditional Christmas dinner with turkey or quorn roast, and a pudding of apple crumble or chocolate brownie. Please note that a drink is not included in the price but can be purchased separately, or students can refill their water bottle from our water coolers at no cost. There is no need to book. Lunchtime will be slightly extended for Year 7, 9 and 10. We hope the majority of students will have a festive meal on this day, but the pasta bar will also be open serving pasta pots, jacket potatoes and baguettes.

Monday 19th December: Nottingham Playhouse Remote Christmas Panto: On Monday afternoon Year 7 and 8 will be watching a recorded version of this year's Nottingham Playhouse Christmas Pantomime, Dick Whittington, which has been funded by our PTA. Groups in Year 9-11 will also be able to join in if they and their teacher would like to. We recognise that the cost of living increases will be impacting many families this year and hope that this will give our students the opportunity to enjoy a virtual trip to the panto together.

Tuesday 20th December: Last Day of Term: On this day school will close to students at the earlier time of 12.55pm for Year 7-8 and 1pm for Year 9-11. If you would like your child to be supervised in school until 3.10pm please contact the school office and we will arrange this. Students will attend their usual lessons period 1-2 and then have an end of term assembly and extended tutor period. Food will be available from the cafeteria during an extended breaktime.

This will be a non-uniform day to raise funds for Broxtowe Community Projects, one of the fantastic charities that support anyone in need in our community. Students may wear appropriate non-uniform in exchange for a £1 donation. Parents may pay on My Child at School or your child may bring cash on the day.

The donation is voluntary for students in receipt of Free School Meals – please be assured that this will be managed sensitively and confidentially on the day, and some other students will also not be paying on the day as parents will have paid in advance on MCAS.

You can find out more about the work of Broxtowe Community Projects and how to support them or access their services here: <https://www.facebook.com/BroxtoweCommunityProjects/>

Appropriate non-uniform means:

- ***No crop tops (unless under a zipped hoody or other top at all times).***
- ***Jewellery and make up must be suitable for school and not excessive – facial piercings other than a nose stud in 1 nostril may not be worn***
- ***No high-heeled shoes***
- ***No fancy dress***
- ***No excessive rips in jeans or trousers***
- ***No inappropriate slogans***
- ***Outdoor clothing must be removed in classrooms***

Thursday 5th January: Start of Term: Wednesday 4th January is an INSET Day and students should not attend site. Term starts for students at the usual time on **Thursday 5th January**. It will be Week 2.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A Mellors
Headteacher

Key Dates for Spring 1:

Please see our calendar for more information: [Calendar \(aldermanwhite.school\)](https://www.aldermanwhite.school)

Friday 13th January: Year 9 Reports published

Tuesday 17th January 4-6.30pm: Year 9 Specialisms Evening (on site)

Thursday 9th February: Year 11 Success at Key Stage 4 Evening (on site) - parents and students

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February: Half Term

Monday 20th February: Students return to school

Friday 31st March: End of Term