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Christmas and End of Term 1 Plans and Preparations - 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to you to inform you about our Christmas and End of Term Plans and Preparations for 2025. There are a wealth of events taking place between now and the 19th December including Shirebrook Stars, Christmas lunch, Carols in the Market Place, the Shirebrook Academy 'Christmas Fayre' and our end of term Christmas Celebration Assemblies.

Our termly **Shirebrook Stars Celebration** events are taking place on **Tuesday 9th December for students in Y7/8/9** from 1.40pm and **Thursday 11th December for students in Y10/11** from 1.40pm. Parents/carers should soon receive invites for children involved in these events.

Christmas lunch is being held on **Wednesday 17th December**. This is a change to the calendared date by one week and Stubbin Wood students will be joining our children during the KS4 lunch. Students wishing to have a Christmas lunch, should fill in a Christmas lunch request slip at Student Reception and week commencing Monday 15th December, will be issued a ticket. The cost of Christmas lunch is the same as a standard lunch, £2.70, which is excellent value. Payment can be made by either topping up your child's card with £2.70 ready for the day or children crediting their own card using the payment machine. Children in receipt of Free School Meals will have sufficient funds credited during the morning to cover the cost of the Christmas lunch but must still order in advance and fill in a request slip. The deadline date for requests received is **Tuesday 2nd December** as sufficient food needs to be ordered in advance by our caterers. If there are any questions regarding your child accessing Christmas lunch, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Year Team.

Carols in the Market Place will take place on **Friday 12th December** between **09.45-11.45am**. The Shirebrook Academy and Stubbin Wood Choir will be performing in the local Market Place. Students, staff and members of the Year 11 prom committee will be collecting donations for this Summer's Year 11 Prom as well as sharing goodwill to all members of our community. After the performance, the Choir will visit several local care homes to perform for local residents.

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The **Shirebrook Christmas Fayre** will be held on **Wednesday 17th December** between **4.00-7.00pm**. Visitors will be able to visit a variety of stalls that sell sweets, cakes, decorations and other Christmas goodies. We will also be hosting 'Santa' in his grotto and have a range of activities and fun for all the family including festive games and refreshments. There will be opportunities to take festive photographs and listen to carols sung by our Academy Choir and Christmas music. Proceeds will go to the Year 11 Shirebrook Academy Prom fund for 2026, future events funding for our children and Building Lives Around Shirebrook Town Centre (BLAST) - a not-for-profit organisation securing new and exciting opportunities for the people of Shirebrook. We want to welcome as many people from our local community as possible and collectively spread Christmas cheer. The event is free entry and you do not have to be a student or family member of a Shirebrook Academy student to enter – entry is for all members of the Shirebrook Community and their friends and families.

Our end of term **Christmas Celebration Assemblies** will take place on **Friday 19th December**. Children will be recognised and rewarded for their efforts and achievements during Term 1 with attendance, effort and subject awards alongside recognition of students showing our character values of kindness, honesty, integrity, compassion and courage and making excellent House contributions. Please visit our academy media feeds and website during the week to see details of our children's achievements.

Children begin their Christmas break on **Friday 19th December at 3.00pm** with the final day of term being a full day in the academy. Learning is still taking place throughout the day, and this day is as important to attend as any other during the calendar year. It is the expectation that all students attend as usual.

Children should return to the academy for the new term on **Monday 5th January 2026 at 8.20am**, with all usual timings applied.

If you have any questions about any of the Christmas or end of term plans highlighted above, please don't hesitate to contact enquiries@shirebrookacademy.org

It has been a very busy and rewarding term so far at Shirebrook Academy and we would like to thank all parents/carers that have worked with us to help their child/ren to achieve their best.

The Shirebrook Academy Community would like to wish all of our students and families a very happy, peaceful and joyful Christmas and all the very best for the New Year when the holiday season arrives.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Lindsey Burgin
Principal

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