

Shirebrook Academy



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Christmas and End of Term Plans and Preparations

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to you to inform you about our Christmas and End of Term Plans and Preparations for 2023. There are a wealth of events taking place between now and the 22nd December including Christmas lunch, the Christmas Concert, Carols in the Market Place, the Shirebrook Academy 'Christmas Fayre' and our end of term Christmas Celebration Assemblies.

Christmas lunch will be held on **Wednesday 13th December**. Students wishing to have a Christmas lunch, **should have placed their order by Tuesday 21st November**. The cost of Christmas lunch is the same as a standard lunch, £2.53, which is excellent value.

Our Christmas Concert will be held on **Wednesday 13th December at 5.30pm** in the Lower Atrium. It will include solos and ensembles from students of Christmas related songs and music and refreshments will be available in the Upper Atrium from 5.00pm. To spread Christmas cheer the concert is free of charge, but parents/carers may wish to make a voluntary donation at the end. All proceeds will be used to fund our Shirebrook Star Hampers that we will be looking to donate to organisations within our local community. Tickets are available on a 'first come, first served' basis, so if you would like to attend, please ask your child to ask for tickets at Student Reception. A maximum of three tickets can be allocated to any one student including their ticket.

Carols in the Market Place will take place on **Friday 15th December** between **10.30-11.30am**. The Shirebrook Academy Wind Band and Choir will be performing in the local Market Place. The Wind Band 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 Wind Band and Choir will visit several local care homes to perform for local residents.

The **Shirebrook Academy Christmas Fayre** will be held on **Wednesday 20th December** between **3.30-7.00pm**. 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; with candyfloss and the attendance of 'Project D' doughnuts amongst some of the food items available. There will also be opportunities to have family photographs taken in our 'Elf Self' 360 photobooth and listen to carols sung by our Academy Choir and music played by the Shirebrook Academy Wind Band. 50% of proceeds will go to the Year 11 Shirebrook



All adults in school have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Academy Prom fund for 2024, whilst any remaining proceeds will be donated to 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.

Our end of term **Christmas Celebration Assemblies** will take place throughout week commencing **Monday 18th 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 22nd December at 1.20pm**. Children will access their lunch in the academy prior to departing for the Christmas break and will return to their Form Groups to be registered before traveling home. Buses have been arranged for 1.20pm (except the Model Service bus) and all children will be dismissed at the same time. If you would like your child to be supervised in school until 3.10pm on Friday 22nd December, please contact us at enquiries@shirebrookacademy.org stating that you would like your child to be supervised until 3.10pm, the reason/s why, the name of your child and how they will then be collected/travelling home.

Children should return to the academy for the new term on **Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 8.35am**, with all usual timings applied. Monday 8th January is an academy INSET day.

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.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Lindsey Burgin
Principal