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Christmas and End of Term Plans and Preparations - 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to you to inform you about our Christmas and End of Term Plans and Preparations for 2024. There are a wealth of events taking place between now and the 19th December including Shirebrook Stars, Christmas lunch, the Christmas Concert, 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 10th December for students in Y7/8** from 1.40pm and **Thursday 12th December for students in Y9/10/11** from 1.40pm. Parents/carers should have received invites for children involved in the events.

Christmas lunch is being held on **Wednesday 11th December**. Students wishing to have a Christmas lunch, should have placed their orders already. The cost of Christmas lunch is the same as a standard lunch, £2.65, which is excellent value. If there are any questions regarding your child accessing Christmas lunch, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Year Team. During the afternoon of the 11th, we are also holding our **House Christmas Cinema Rewards Afternoon** for identified students between 1.00-3.00pm in the theatre.

Our Christmas Concert will be held on **Wednesday 11th December at 5.00pm** 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 4.45pm – with all refreshment proceeds donated to the Year 11 prom fund. To spread festive cheer the concert is free of charge, but parents/carers may wish to make a voluntary donation at the end. All concert proceeds will be used to fund our Christmas Shoe Box Appeal where gifts are being donated to BLAST to support children and families in the local area. Tickets are available on a 'first come, first served' basis, so if you would like to attend, please ask your child to collect 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 13th December** between **09.45-11.45am**. 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 Christmas Fayre** will be held on **Wednesday 18th 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; with Macey's Munch

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and Shirebrook's Sweet Treats amongst some of the food items available. There will also be opportunities to take photographs 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 Academy Prom fund for 2025, 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 on **Thursday 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 **Thursday 19th December at 3.00pm** with the final day of term being a full day in the academy. **Friday 20th December is an INSET Day and the academy is closed to students.**

Children should return to the academy for the new term on **Monday 6th January 2025 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, exciting 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,

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Principal

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