

Monday 11th December 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

With the end of term rapidly approaching, this is an apposite time to remind you about the run-in to Christmas. All of this is on our new 'PAULET POST', which I hope you are receiving, but I felt a reminder would help.

Wednesday 13th December - CrackerDash™ and Reward Afternoon



This Wednesday (13th) we are holding (in Mr Hipwell's words) the 2023 CrackerDash™ World Championship. Students who have had excellent attendance and no behaviour points this half term are invited to watch and then all students, who qualify, will be allowed to leave school a little early, at 1.50pm. If your child has qualified, you have had a letter with a reply slip that we need returned so we know you give your child permission to leave early.

Thursday 21st December – food bank collection

Thursday 21st December is our annual Christmas Jumper Day when we collect non-perishable food products (and other products like nappies and pet food) for a local charity which runs a food bank. Your child should bring a food donation up to the value of £2, if they are able to, to help us support this charity to support some of the most vulnerable families in our community. It is a non-uniform day with a festive theme – jumper, Santa hat etc. If you have nothing festive then something bright and cheerful will be fine – please don't feel the need to buy a Christmas jumper just for this day!



End of term – Friday 22nd December – reminder

Students will have lessons 1 to 3 as normal and then go to Character Development at 11.40am. At approximately 12.15pm students will be dismissed to start their well-earned Christmas Holiday. Students in receipt of free school dinners can book a grab bag from the canteen staff the day before. If your child has accrued a 'late to lesson' detention over the last two weeks, he/she will be kept in school for an hour after the other students are released. **This day will be a free non-uniform day!**

School reopens to students at 8.27am on Monday 8th of January 2024.

End of term Progress Reports – Years 7 - 10

Next week you will get a letter to inform you how to access your child's end of term Progress Report using Go4Schools. It is very important to look at this report carefully and contact your child's Head of Year, in the first instance, if you have any questions or concerns. If you would like a paper copy, please email

psh-office@psh.jtmat.co.uk

Other dates for your diary...

Thursday 14 th December	6 th Form trip to Birmingham Christmas Market
Tuesday 19 th December	2023 Awards Evening
Wednesday 20 th December	Year 7 Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 st December	6 th Form Christmas Lunch

And finally...

It's Christmas so what better time to make sure your child is ready for next term – correct legwear (strictly no leggings), plain black leather stye shoes, a school bag, pencil case and writing equipment – all of which make great Christmas presents!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school community and have a good and peaceful Christmas break when it arrives.

Kind regards,



Ian McArthur
Headteacher.