

December 2023

Dear parents,

We come to the end of another calendar year and, as I reflect on the year, there has been much to celebrate - we have had an excellent Ofsted report which was followed by some really good examination results for both our Year 11 and year 13 students. Once again we are oversubscribed in Year 7 and the 6th Form continues to go from strength to strength. It has also been wonderful to welcome back Rev Jenny Nightingale as Academy Chaplain and all that this brings in enhancing our Christian Ethos and the spiritual experience that all students, from all faiths, benefit from at 'The Bishop.' We have also been pleased to welcome new governors to support the school, Mr John Severn and Mrs Susan Turner.

We approach the end of term in true festive spirits with a number of events that students will be taking part in over the next week. Please find some helpful information below:

St Francis Church - Monday 18th December

Year 7 will be required to arrive at St Francis Church at 8.20am. Students should arrive directly at the church to register, instead of arriving to the Academy. Students will enjoy a Christmas service and then walked back to school with staff, ready for lesson 2.

Year 8 students will be enjoying a Christmas service at St Francis Church, lesson 5. Year 8 students will be dismissed directly from the church at 3pm and will not be returning to the Academy. If students participate in a 10:10 activity, they are welcome to return to school.

St Francis of Assisi Church
Charminster Road
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KS3 Snowball - Monday 18th December 6.30pm-8pm

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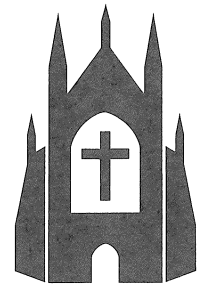
Year 10 & Year 11 Christmas Movie - Tuesday 19th December 6.30pm-8.30pm

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Christmas Meal - Tuesday 19th December

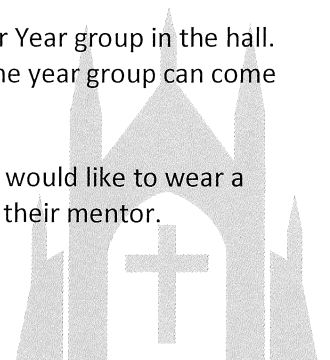
On Tuesday 19th December. Students will be provided with a free Christmas lunch with their Year group in the hall. Students are choosing their options in mentor time. This is always an exciting time where the year group can come together and celebrate.

Students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper over their uniform on Tuesday. If students would like to wear a Christmas jumper they will be required to donate £1 to charity. They will give this donation their mentor.



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Early Finish on Tuesday 19th December for some year groups

Year 7 will finish at their usual time of 3pm.

Year 8 will finish school at 1.30pm.

Year 9 will finish school at 1.30pm.

Year 10 will finish school at 2.15pm.

Year 11 will finish school at 1.30pm.

Early Finish - Wednesday 20th December

Students will be participating in their Year Group Reward Assemblies during the morning. Please note, students will be leaving the Academy at 12.00pm on Wednesday 20th December.

As we move forward into 2024 I am really excited to share with you our plans to build an additional 6 classrooms on the site to enhance students' learning experience. This will facilitate a new dedicated teaching space for Religious Studies and Modern Foreign Languages. We are hoping that this will be completed and ready for opening in September 2024.

During the spring term we will be inviting parents to share their views about extending the school week by 1 hour to comply with government expectations for September 2024. I shall look forward to receiving your views.

Please make a note in your diary for the school show. This year we are proud to be staging the hugely successful musical 'Sister Act' - rehearsals have been a treat to watch. The dates for the show are 19th to 22nd March and tickets will be available from the beginning of March.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. I wish you a happy Christmas and a wonderful 2024.



Paul McKeown
Principal

Key Dates

Day	Date	Event
Thursday	4 th January	Students return to academy at 8.25am
Wednesday – Friday	10 th – 12 th January	Vaccinations Year 9-11
Thursday	11 th January	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Wednesday – Friday	17 th – 19 th January	Year 9 Pathway Taster days
Wednesday	17 th January	6 th Form Solent University visit
Thursday	25 th January	Year 9 Parent Options Evening
Monday – Friday	12 th – 16 th February	Half Term
Week beginning	4 th March	Read for Good Week
Thursday	7 th March	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Thursday	14 th March	Year 10 Careers Trip
Thursday	14 th March	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Tuesday – Friday	19 th – 22 nd March	Sister Act School Production
Wednesday	27 th March	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday	28 th March	School closes for Easter break at 12.00