



End of Term Next Week

The end of term for students is now next **Thursday, 17 December**. Friday 18, December will now be a staff training day and students will **not** be required to be in school. Students will have normal lessons on Thursday and then go to form rooms for the Christmas liturgy during Period 2. This will be followed with festive activities and a Christmas film with Christmas dinner, which is free of charge. The last day of term is a non-uniform day with a £1 donation to charity and students may wear a Christmas jumper if they wish to. Staff will also be in non-uniform and wearing Christmas jumpers for a donation to charity. Students will be dismissed to go home at 2pm as is usual at Christmas.

Christmas Hampers

Thank you to all students and form tutors for decorating and filling the beautiful hampers for the SJF showdown competition. Mrs Lester, Mrs Goodfellow and Mr Muxlow from the Site Team delivered the hampers to support our local Elderly Care Home at Friary Court on Wednesday.



The House winners and overall winner of the 'Head Teacher's Prize' will be announced next week. Thank you very much to all of the Site Team for their help loading these special gifts on to the school minibus; they were gratefully received.



SJF Fabric Face Masks

Students will have seen staff and some students wearing our new SJF facemasks around school. They are triple layered with adjustable ear loops to fit tightly and have a pocket for a filter to be added if desired. Masks of this quality and comfort are quite expensive to buy on the high street but we will be selling them for just £2 each after Christmas.

All students will be given one mask free of charge after Christmas and more can be bought from Student Services. The masks are black with the school logo printed on the left hand side and fully machine washable. This will mean that disposable masks will no longer be sold at student services after Christmas, reducing our environmental footprint. It will also mean that there is no excuse for an ill-fitting or inappropriate mask as all students will have one that we know fits all face sizes safely as it is adjustable.

Kate Pereira

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Virtual Music Showcase

As mentioned previously, a virtual music showcase will be screened in form time next Thursday and will also be available to view on Teams after that. Thank you to everyone involved.



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The Study Centre

The Study Centre is available for years 7 and 8 on a rota basis. It is open after school between 3.15pm and 4.15pm for supervised study. We would particularly encourage any students struggling to organise their homework to attend.

Students will need to book a slot with their tutor or at Student Services. It will be operated on a first come first served basis with a maximum of 20 students per day.

Day	Year
Monday, 14/12	7
Tuesday, 15/12	8
Wednesday, 16/12	7

Family Voice Expert Parent Training

Family Voice are a local charity which supports families of children with Special Education Needs. They have a range of activities and programmes. They are offering some online support for parents in January, which may be of interest. The Expert Parenting Programme will run on 15 January 2021 from 9.30 – 2.30am. It will be hosted by Natasha Leahy and is free of charge, they will also deliver lunch to the participants. It may be useful for any parent who feels they need support with aspects of parenting a child with additional needs.

For more information or to book, please contact Family Voice on 01733 685510 or email office@familyvoice.org.

Their website has further information on this course and a host of other activities www.familyvoice.org



School Leadership Elections

On Tuesday, 15 December we will be holding elections for Head Boy and Head Girl during tutor time. This week we have been showing students videos that each candidate has made as part of our virtual hustings. The students who have put themselves forward have worked hard to compile these videos and think about what they want to bring to the school. We wish all the candidates the best of luck and thank them for their efforts so far.

Sixth Form Applications

Just a reminder that the deadline for Sixth Form applications is now Thursday, 17 December. Please make your choices online using SIMs Options, if you have any difficulties please see Miss Wilson.

Covid-19 Related Absence from School

A Quick Guide for Parents can be found on the school website

<https://www.stjohnfishersschool.org.uk/september-opening/>