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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 2022. There are a wealth of events taking place between now and the 22nd December including Christmas dinner, the Christmas Concert, the 'Shirebrook Christmas Winter Wonderland Fayre', 'A Christmas Carol' production for students and Christmas Jumper Day.

Christmas dinner will be held on **Wednesday 14th December**. Students that wish to order a Christmas dinner, **must order by Thursday 1st December**. Students should visit Student Reception to obtain a Christmas dinner order form which they should complete and return. The cost of Christmas dinner is the same as a standard lunch, £2.30, and students should specify which choices they would like from the menu when making their order. **No orders for Christmas dinner can be taken after Thursday 1st December**, so please remind your child about the importance of making their order before this date.

Our Christmas Concert will be held on **Wednesday 14th 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.

The **Shirebrook Christmas Winter Wonderland Fayre** will be held on **Tuesday 20th December** during the academy day for students. Students will be able to visit a variety of stalls that sell sweets, cakes, drinks and Christmas goodies. There will also be opportunities to participate in a raffle and play Christmas games. Students will be able to have 'Elf self' photographs taken and access hot chocolate refreshments in the Upper Atrium, entertained by our Academy Choir singing Christmas Carols. To enable children to participate in some of the games and possibly purchase some of the Christmas goodies available, we are recommending that students bring between £2.00-£5.00. 50% of proceeds will go to the Year 11 Prom Fund with the remaining 50% donated to a charity of the students' choice, as directed by the Shirebrook Academy Student Council.

On **Wednesday 21st December**, Y10 students will be able to watch 'A Christmas Carol' production as part of their GCSE studies, with Y7, 8, 9 and 11 groups accessing the Disney film version of the festive favourite Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' is a key text within GCSE English Literature, so it is an excellent opportunity for all students to become more familiar with its plot and characters.

On **Thursday 22nd December**, students will be able to wear their Christmas jumpers, over their existing uniform of trousers/skirt, shirt and tie. They will not need to bring their blazers for this day

only. The cost of participating in Christmas Jumper Day is **£1.00** and students should give their contributions to Form Tutors on the day in Form Time.

Children begin their Christmas break on **Thursday 22nd December at 1:40pm**. 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 travelling home. Buses have been arranged for 1:40pm 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 Thursday 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 academy term on **Monday 9th January at 8:35am**, 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 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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsey Burgin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

Lindsey Burgin

Mrs Lindsey Burgin
Associate Principal