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**Last Day of Term Arrangements
Christmas Jumper Day
Celebration Events
FUEL**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, it was an absolute delight to be able to reward the 237 students who managed to achieve 100 praise points and less than 10 demerits before the end of November last Friday afternoon and we look forward to hosting more and more celebratory events as we move through the academic year. It is our pledge to recognise all students who have made exceptional efforts and, as such, not all reward events will be based around praise points and demerits. We are mindful, for example, of a very small number of our students who have a reduced timetable so do not have the same opportunity to accrue as many points as others. As a school, we are committed to making our systems more equitable and we would like to thank those of you who have been in contact with us and are helping to shape our practices moving forward.

Keeping with cheerful events, on Wednesday 13th December, all students are encouraged to wear a Christmas Jumper over their shirt and tie and make a voluntary donation to Save the Children. This is also the day of our school Christmas lunch. Next week we also have our school performance of A Christmas Carol on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Tickets for the event can be purchased on ParentPay. We very much look forward to welcoming as many parents as possible.

Thinking of Christmas, the final day of term is Friday 15th December with a 12.30pm finish for students. However, school buses will depart at their usual time of 3pm. If you are unable to make arrangements for your child to be collected at 12.30pm, please can you inform your child's tutor by Tuesday 12th December, so that we can arrange suitable supervision between 12.30pm and 3pm. Sixth Form students can leave at 10.20am if they do not have any lessons periods 3 or 4.

Finally, Wiltshire Council are offering free holiday activity and food programmes for any children that are either: eligible for free school meals, refugees, in the care system or young carers. Information is available on our website, including a link to the council website to sign up if you are interested -

<https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/home/news-3/latest-news/fuel-programme-december-2023/>

Places need to be booked by the 8th December. Our apologies for the short notice.

Yours faithfully,

The Leadership Team