

9 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well. It seems that time has passed by extremely quickly as we accelerate towards the Christmas season. It has been a challenging year for us all, the COVID pandemic has sadly changed the lives of so many of our St. Michael's family. I am particularly grateful to you, our wonderfully supportive parents and carers, for your partnership and faithfulness throughout the year.

In this vein, I am writing to you to draw your attention to some notable dates, together with some items of news.

End of Term Events

Message from Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust

In line with DfE guidance issued yesterday, all our Trust schools will take a teacher training day, delivered online on Friday 18 December. Therefore, please note that the Academy will be closed on Friday 18th December and re-opens in the New Year on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 16th December

Christmas dinner will be held on, Wednesday 16th December at lunchtime, if you wish your child to have Christmas dinner but he/she does not normally eat school dinners, then you can pay £2.20 for a set menu (a main course and pudding). An alternative vegetarian option will be available.

Optional Festive Jumper Day – Wednesday 16th December

In the spirit of the festive season we will be holding a Christmas jumper day which will be **optional** for students. On Wednesday 16th December students may wear if they choose to a Christmas jumper. This is **not** a non-uniform day, students will be expected to wear their uniform but instead of their blazer they will be able to wear a Christmas jumper. We would ask for a voluntary donation please and this year we will donate the money raised to the Billingham Food Bank.

This is a particularly demanding time of year for families and I hope this Christmastide you find time to rest and enjoy the celebrations.

With all good wishes,



Helen Keough
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