

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the festive season, I write to you with details of our first 'SMC Family Christmas Dinner'. This year, we would like all students to have the opportunity to dine together as a tutor group for a Christmas meal. Students will have the opportunity to select their choice of food in advance; a traditional Christmas dinner, a festive grab bag with a cold Christmas sandwich, or a festive grab bag with a hot Christmas sandwich. Students can also opt to bring in their own packed lunch should they wish.

In order to facilitate this, a payment of £2.50 will appear on Parent Pay. As the whole year group will be dining together we want to ensure a smooth process and so payment in advance will help speed this up. Whilst the payment will appear on all student accounts, students who have free school meals are not expected to make a payment. Any family who would like to make a greater contribution are very welcome to do so and this will go towards the cost for those who are unable to contribute financially. There is an option for 'Christmas donations' on Parent Pay. We are determined to ensure that all students have a Christmas dinner experience to remember this year.

Students will be selecting their choice of food this week during tutor time to help our planning for the event. Students will receive a ticket as payment for their food on their allocated Christmas dinner day, with different coloured tickets depending on their food choice. Christmas dinner will take place during period 3 on the designated day for each year group.

The dates for student Christmas dinners are below.

Monday 11th December	Year 7
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 8
Wednesday 13 th December	Year 10
Thursday 14th December	Year 9
Friday 15th December	Year 11

On the days that students do not have Christmas dinner, there will still be an offer of hot and cold food in the canteen and in the Academy for all other year groups. Please note this may be a more limited offer than usual for this week only.

We thank you in advance for your support of what we hope to be a memorable experience for all involved.

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