

24th November 2023



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Dear Parents

Advent Charity Work

For advent we are fundraising for City of Sanctuary, CAFOD, Pax Christi and Missio.

Year 7

For Advent, Year 7 are fundraising for City of Sanctuary – a charity helping refugees and asylum seekers in Leicester. We invite every student to bring in at least one item – if we all do so, we will have over 200 items to give to others.

We need toiletries including soap, shampoo and toothpaste. We are looking for male toiletries, in particular shaving cream and deodorants.

Each form will have shoe boxes to fill up and decorate. Students will have from Wednesday 29th November until Wednesday 6th December to bring items into their form rooms.

Year 8 are organising a Penny Run – The Penny Run will take place on Tuesday 12th December. Each form will be collecting pennies (1ps, 2ps, 5ps etc. including £1 & £2 coins) to raise money for CAFOD. On the 12th, the money will be laid out per form group and judged based on the value and length of the coins. A prize will be given to the group with the longest length and another prize to the group with the highest value.

Year 9 – are organising a Christmas Quiz during form time on Wednesday 20th December for the Charity Missio. Students are encouraged to bring in 50p to take part and the winning form group will receive a prize.

Year 10 – will be hosting a film afternoon in the auditorium, All money raised will be going to Pax Christi.

Year 11 – will be holding a festive Cake sale at breaktime on Wednesday 20th December, for Pax Christi.

Sixth Form - Wear Something Festive – Wednesday 20th December 2023

As part of Sixth Form Advent fundraising we will also be holding 'Wear Something Festive day' on Wednesday 20th December 2023 the money raised will be donated City of Sanctuary.

Everyone is asked to come wearing something festive of their choosing e.g. a jumper or tie **with their normal school uniform**.

Other than the addition of a festive jumper or tie, no other uniform items are unchanged or relaxed. The usual high standard of conduct and manners is expected. Please note that there is no expectation that anyone should buy anything new for this event. The challenge is to find something at home to make your uniform a little 'festive'.

A donation of £1 is requested from each student (£2 for a family), which will be collected in form time. Students should please bring a £1 coin for payment if possible.

On the day, lessons will be taught as normal. Students must bring all the books and equipment needed for lessons. PE and Dance kit is to be worn as usual.

Sixth form dress code remains unchanged. All students are encouraged to join in.

If a student does not wish to join in the event, full school uniform is required.

Thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

Christmas Lunch

A very special Christmas lunch for students, complete with crackers and all the trimmings will be served on Wednesday 20th December for Year 7 and 8, Tuesday 19th December for Years 10, 11 12 and 13.

There is an inclusive cost for Christmas dinner including a drink of £3.00.

Please complete your choice and payment via our Online Payments Facility, ParentPay. Confirmation and payment must be received by **Friday 1st December**.

If you have any problems accessing ParentPay, please contact the school for support. Please note that orders cannot be taken after this date.

There will be no charge for Christmas lunch if your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium or is entitled to Free School Meals, please ensure that you have confirmed on ParentPay if it is applicable to your child.

Students will be provided with a "Christmas Lunch Ticket" on Monday 18th December so that they can collect their meal on the day.

A selection of sandwiches and rolls will be on sale for students not wishing to have a Christmas lunch.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Calen".

M Calen
Principal