

KW/KRE

6th December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As Christmas approaches, I would like to inform you of the arrangements for the Santa Hat Dash & Walk activity on Tuesday 12th December, and the Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch event on Thursday 21st December 2023.

Santa Hat Walk & Dash

On Tuesday 12th December, all students will be taking part in a Santa Hat Walk & Dash around the perimeter paths of the Academy. As the title of the event suggests, students are encouraged to wear a Santa hat (or something similar) when taking part in the activity. Awards will be given for the boy and girl in each year group who finish the dash first and for those who have the most creative Christmas hat. On this day, students should attend school in their Morton Academy PE kit, along with suitable warm jackets/coats.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 21st December we will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper Day. Students are invited to pay £1 to wear their Christmas jumpers along with non-uniform trousers and shoes. If your child chooses not to wear a Christmas jumper, they should wear their full academy uniform as usual.

Christmas Lunch

On the same day, we will be having a whole school Christmas meal, for a subsidised cost of £2.50. The cost will include a turkey dinner, warm chocolate brownie or classic fruit trifle, and a carton of juice. A vegan option of vegetable wellington will also be available. Students who receive free school meals will have the Christmas meal as normal. In order to ensure the whole academy can be catered, lunch time will be extended and there **will not be any food on sale at break time or lunchtime**. If your child would like to eat something mid-morning, they should bring a snack from home on that day. If they opt not to have a Christmas meal, they should bring a packed lunch.

We would encourage all our students to have the Christmas meal. Students will be served by staff and sit in tutor groups in the atrium, however, if your child wishes not to have a Christmas meal, there will be seats available in the Sports Café for those who choose to bring a packed lunch instead.

Please ensure you pay for the Christmas meal on Parent Pay by **Thursday 14th December at the latest** to confirm whether or not your child will be having the meal. Students who receive free school meals are not required to pay for the Christmas meal on Parent Pay.

This will be a full day at the academy and students will be released, as normal, at 3:10 pm.

Your sincerely

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