

Monday 2 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our final day of term is Friday 20 December 2024. In line with previous final days of term, the day will run slightly differently to a normal school day. The school will follow an amended timetable for the day as follows:

- All students to arrive at school for 8.30am as normal in full school uniform.
- All students will be dismissed at 12.35pm, however detentions will run from 12.35pm.

Students will have tutor time, lessons, and all will have an assembly over the final days of term to celebrate the term and Christmas.

Food will be available for all students at our usual breaktime and students in receipt of free school meals will be able to collect a lunch bag when they are dismissed from the canteen of the building in which they have lessons on that day. Students who qualify for our non-school uniform attendance reward have been made aware by their Head of Year.

All students should return to school for an 8.30am start as usual on Tuesday 7 January 2025. Please ensure that when school reopens in January, all students are in the correct school uniform, including plain black school shoes (not trainers). Students have responded wonderfully to our recent uniform standards push, students enjoy attending a school which support these high standards. Please do support them in looking smart as they return to school.

Events for Christmas are in full swing at the school: We are hugely looking forward to the Christmas Show on Friday 6 December, we will have now our Christmas services at St Katherine's Church on the last week of term, and our school choir will be performing at Trafalgar Square on Thursday 12 December at 4.00pm – wrap up warm if you are going! There is definitely still time to donate to our Christmas fund this year, moreover; please see this week's newsletter for details: [STA Newsletter](#) and to keep up to date with the school, please do follow our Instagram account here: [Instagram](#).

Wishing you and you families a very happy Christmas and New Year,



Mr Christopher Martin,

Deputy Headteacher

*“When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh”. St Matthew 2.10-11*