

### Dear Parents / Carers

You may be aware that Sarah Young, our TCAT Director of Education, left the Trust on Friday for pastures new. I owe my appointment as Headteacher to the mentoring and support that I received from Sarah Young and it will be my duty, and privilege, to ensure that other colleagues can benefit in a similar way.

## **Christmas Jumper Day**

A reminder that Tuesday 14 December is Christmas Jumper Day. Staff and students can wear their Christmas jumpers (all other uniforms required) for a small donation to the local food bank in partnership with the Trussell Trust. We hope this event will support everyone in the local community in having a fantastic Christmas and instil in our learners that it is important to help those less fortunate than themselves.

Where possible please can we request the following non-perishable items are donated;

- Year 7 A food item that is Christmas related
- Year 8 Something sweet
- Year 9 A tin of something
- Year 10 Toiletries
- Year 11 A packet of something (pasta, rice, cereal etc)
- Year 12 and Year 13 Luxury biscuits Luxury crisps Tea and coffee Mince pies Crackers Christmas pudding

### **Carol Service**

Further to my correspondence this week, it is with great sadness that we have had to cancel this year's Carol Service due to a number of considerations relating to Covid. We look forward to returning to our traditional service next year.

### Support for families

Over Christmas, the East Riding Local Authority is providing financial support in the form of vouchers for families where children are eligible for Free School Meals. Vouchers will be processed by the school automatically.

## LDF testing

We shall be sending LFD test kits home with students this week as we are encouraging students to continue with the twice weekly throughout the Christmas break. When students return to school in January (Wednesday 5 January) we will be offering them an on-site LFD test and communication about that was sent to you last week. If you are able to test your child at home before they return to school then it will not be necessary for them to have the LFD test in school.

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# **End of Term**

On Friday 17 December, the Academy closes at 2pm and will re-open to students on Wednesday 5 January.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Wilson

Headteacher