



# THE BRUNTS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## **Re: Christmas letter and end of school arrangements**

As we reach the Christmas period and the end of another calendar year, I would like to thank all parents, carers students and staff for their continued support and hard work. During this term, we have worked hard to continue to raise our standards and expectations around all aspects of Academy life.

It was a pleasure to meet with parents and carers at the 'Meet the Senior Team' event to share our progress and hear the feedback and suggestions which will formulate our Academy Improvement Planning moving forward. I look forward to inviting you to future meetings and warmly invite other interested parents and carers to join us. I will be writing to you with an update on this via a separate letter in the New Year.

I would like to express my gratitude for the warm welcome I have received since joining the Academy in September. The support and enthusiasm from the students, parents/carers, and staff have been truly heart-warming, and I am honoured to be a part of this incredible community.

As we approach the Christmas season, I am reminded of the importance of unity and togetherness. This year, more than ever, it is crucial that we come together as a community to celebrate the spirit of the holiday season. Despite the challenges we have faced, I am confident our Academy will continue to thrive and provide a nurturing environment for our students to learn and grow.

To our students, I would like to take this opportunity to commend you for your resilience and adaptability. Y11 and Y13 have completed their school mock exams and have done so with great maturity. Students' dedication to their studies and commitment to personal growth is truly inspiring. I am proud to be your Principal and look forward to witnessing your continued success in the coming year.

To our parents, I want to express my gratitude for your unwavering support and trust in our Academy. Your involvement and partnership are invaluable in creating a positive and enriching educational experience for our students. Together, we will continue to foster an environment that promotes academic excellence, character development, and a love for learning.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our exceptional staff. Your passion for education and commitment to our students' well-being is truly commendable. I am grateful for your expertise and unwavering dedication to providing the best possible education for our students.

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## End of term and final day arrangements – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

Following a successful Macmillan coffee morning which raised £138.30 and Children in Need non-uniform day raising an impressive £1,174.65, we have two further charitable events this half term. On **19<sup>th</sup> December** we will be supporting The Trussell Trust by asking for donations of both food and non-food items (see items below). These will be delivered to our local foodbank in Mansfield followed by a **Christmas Jumper Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> December** to raise money for Save the Children. Staff and Students are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper in place of their Academy blazer, school shirt and tie. Students and staff are asked to make a **voluntary donation of £1** or whatever they can afford with all funds supporting Save the Children's work in helping children build a better future.

# DONATE FOOD

## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### Food

- UHT milk
- Tinned meat (hotdogs, meatballs etc.)
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Sponge/rice puddings
- Coffee (small jars)
- Long-life juice
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned veg (potatoes, carrots, green beans, tomatoes)
- Tinned meals (spaghetti, chicken or veg curries, chilli)
- Tinned soup
- Jam and spreads

### Non-food items

- Shower gel
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toilet rolls
- Washing up liquid
- Laundry detergent pods



We are also very much looking forward to our Christmas Concert on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** and the High School Musical on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**. There are limited tickets left for High School Musical. These are available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/brunts-academy/e-eejyko>

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – last day of term

It is an unusually late finish to the end of term and to accommodate Christmas arrangements that families have at this busy time the **Academy will close for the Christmas break at a slightly earlier time of 12.30pm**. There will not be a timetabled lunchtime on this day. Those students who need to get lunch will be provided a **grab and go lunch** option to take home with them. This will need to be pre-ordered before **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** using the form available in McBrunts. Break time will remain unchanged. We look forward to all **students returning in the New Year on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

As we enter the holiday season, let us remember the true meaning of Christmas – love, compassion, and giving. Let us take this opportunity to spread kindness and joy to those around us, both within our Academy and in the wider community.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a holiday season filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments with your loved ones. May the coming year bring us prosperity, and continued success.

Warmest regards

Rachel Sutcliffe  
Principal