



St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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Service Compassion Justice Perseverance

Tuesday 8 December 2020

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Dear Families

The end of term is fast approaching, so too is the end another year, 2020!

We are planning some covid secure events for the end of term and I am writing to inform you about these and reminding you of the date that students finish for the Christmas Holidays. Our plan is as follows:

Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 December

Normal lessons all day

Wednesday 16 December will be a covid secure day of fun and celebration including:

Tutor activities and Year Group Achievement/Celebration Assemblies

Students will also be able to wear their own clothes (Christmas themed) they are **NOT** permitted to wear ripped jeans or items of clothing that expose parts of their body. All our other expectations remain which means, students are **NOT** permitted to wear make up, false nails or lashes or large earrings. Students can have festive accessories in their hair, but any colour has to be temporary and be removed in time for the start of the new term in January. We ask for a small **donation of £1.00** for charity. Students can wear their uniform if they do not wish to wear their own clothes.

Only Christmas lunch will be available on this day. If your daughter does not wish to have Christmas lunch, please arrange for her to bring a packed lunch. There will, of course, be a vegetarian option.

Students will experience our annual St Martin's Got Talent Extravaganza! This will take place virtually but will be every bit as exciting and enjoyable.

We are disappointed that we are unable to have our usual Christingle and Carol services this year, but have been working on a virtual Christmas Concert which will be available to view on our website. We are getting used to the 'virtual world' and have been coming together as a community for our whole school virtual Advent collective worship. Please take a look at our Advent mini series of videos on our [website](#).

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Year Group	Wednesday 16 December 2020
Year 7 and Year 8	End of term - students dismissed at 2.30pm
Year 9	End of term - students dismissed at 2.45pm
Year 10 and Year 11	End of term - students dismissed at 3.00pm
Year 13	In school for UCAS personal tutoring from 9.30am to 12.30pm
Year 12	Last day Tuesday 15 work at home remotely on Wednesday 16

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END OF YEAR ASSESSMENTS AND SUMMER PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

Students in all year groups have now taken their end of year assessments and teachers will be marking papers and identifying learning gaps to implement appropriate intervention.

The government has made some decisions about the summer examination series which will affect Year 11 and Year 13. Examinations will take place with some extra measures to ensure fairness. I will write to families of these year groups separately with the information that has been published so far. We have been informed that more details will be shared with schools in the new year.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is eligible for free school meals, thanks to the Marcus Rashford Winter package, you will receive an email detailing the £40.00 voucher for the two weeks holiday. The school will process this on Friday 18 December 2020. The email will come from Wonde.

UNIFORM

As always, I remind you about our strict expectations on uniform, hair colour, earrings, acrylic nails, hoodies and other non uniform items. Please continue to support us with this so that non compliance does not take us away from the important stuff... teaching and learning.

We are all looking forward to the end of term and it certainly has been one of the most challenging school terms ever. We give thanks and praise to God for his Grace and love and for being with us as we journeyed through this term.

I am sure you will want to join me in thanking all the staff at St Martin's for their dedication, hard work and commitment, and for all that they have done this term to ensure a positive, safe and happy learning experience for all the students during this unprecedented time of a global pandemic.

On behalf of the staff and governors at St Martin's, thank you for your support and kind words which have kept us all going. We hope you and your family have a well-deserved rest over the Christmas holidays.

Wishing you a peaceful and blessed Christmas. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 4 January 2021.

We hope to see you in 2021 at one of our virtual parents' evenings.

Christmas and New Year blessings.



Beverley Stanislaus
Headteacher