

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is wonderful to write to you after having all the students back in again over the last few days.

I wish I could tell you that all staff are also back, but unfortunately the lingering effect of the virus and its impact on the immune system means that we are still functioning well under full capacity; we have fifteen staff off today.

Despite this, the students have adapted well and not complained when groups have had to be merged, they have had to be taught by a different teacher, or engaged in lessons outside their normal timetabled slot. A big thank you to all of the children for their support and understanding.

I am also very pleased this week, that I don't have to write out timetables trying to predict which students will be in and out during a rotation. I can assure you that we fully intend to have all students in until the end of term.

Christmas Dinner

The students will enjoy their Valley School Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 15th December. This will be held with their year groups in their subject areas. The students' year teams will make the whole occasion as festive as possible. It is also important to note that through some serious canvassing by our Year 10 students, there will be ice-cream as part of their pudding.



Last day of School Arrangements (Friday 17 December)

Please see below the arrangements of our last day of term. We have liaised with the transport team and they will ensure your child is picked up at the appropriate time and brought safely home to you to enjoy the Christmas Holidays.

08.50 - 09.20	Registration and learning skills
09.20 - 10.50	Normal lessons
10:50 – 11.00	Break: normal arrangements
11:00 - 11:45	Awards ceremony, in year groups
11:45 – 12.00	Video link to whole school – Deputy Headteacher <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manasa Award - recognising the determination and commitment of one student in each year group. (Three nominees recognised)• Random Act of Kindness award – 1 per class (Three nominees recognised)• Headteacher Speech
12:00 – 13:00	Lunchtime
13.00 – 13.10	Registration
13:10 – 13:20	Students dismissed

Thank you as always for your patience and understanding. Please keep safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely

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David Pearce
Headteacher