



# HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”  
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



10 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Plans for the final day of term, Thursday 17 December 2020**

Further to Mr Huntington's letter yesterday announcing our early closure on Thursday 17 December, I am writing to inform you of our festive plans for the final day of term.

Many of the usual Christmas activities have been affected by the Covid pandemic, and events such as the Christmas concert and our annual awards evening have had to be cancelled or postponed. Whilst restrictions make it difficult to engage in festive activities, we will still be making an effort to celebrate Christmas next Thursday.

Thursday 17 December will be our annual 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Students will be able to wear a Christmas jumper/t-shirt /outfit instead of their school uniform, in exchange for a **£1 cash donation**. All proceeds will go towards supporting a local charity initiative 'Homeless to Home'.

Details can be found here: <https://www.frameworkha.org/appeals/homelesstohome>.

As long as students make a conscious effort to wear something festive on their upper body, then they are welcome to wear jeans, trainers or other non-uniform items on this day. Students not wishing to engage in Christmas attire will be required to wear school uniform and must not simply arrive in 'non-uniform'.

On this day, usual lessons will run periods 1-2 but from period 3 the timetable will be suspended and we will run a rotation of Covid-safe Christmas activities. As a sign of our gratitude for how well the students have handled the Covid-19 pandemic we will also be paying for all students to have a free 'festive roll', along with pigs in blankets and a muffin. Due to the logistics around serving the volume of Christmas meals, no other food will be available to purchase from school at lunchtime on this day, so students not wishing to take advantage of the free dinner will need to bring their own food.

Whilst entry times to school will remain as normal on this day, in order to manage a safe exit from school the following finish times will apply:

Year groups/bubbles	Finish time
Years 11, 12 and 13	2.25pm
Years 7 and 9	2.45pm
Years 8 and 10	2.55pm

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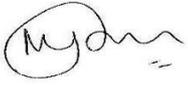
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The students have been fantastic throughout what has been a tiring and unique term. Hopefully we can finish with a sensible level of festive spirit, whilst ensuring that the safety of the whole community remains of paramount importance.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's tutor or achievement leader.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Jones', with a small horizontal line underneath the 's'.

Mr M Jones  
Senior Vice Principal