



South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parent / Carer

Christmas End of Term Arrangements

I am writing to inform you of the end of term arrangements. This year, we will be celebrating not only Christmas but also the end of another very positive term and our special South Dartmoor Community.

During the last two weeks of term, all students will participate in a formal Presentation Assembly to celebrate their efforts and achievements throughout the term. You will receive a letter to inform you if your child has won an award and the reasons for it. Hopefully this will enable you to have greater insight into your child at school and how well they are doing. Additionally, we have several exciting events planned:

- Carols on Tour: Tuesday, 16 December
- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch: Wednesday, 17 December
- Carol Service: Thursday, 18 December at 6:30pm

On Christmas Jumper Day, students are encouraged to wear a festive jumper or something Christmassy, around the theme of cosy 'Christmas' while keeping the bottom half of their uniform as usual (black trousers, skirts or shorts etc). For the privilege of wearing a Christmas-themed item, we kindly ask students to contribute £1 (or whatever they can afford) to our Christmas Sparkle project, which supports families in our community who may be struggling this year. We will be collecting donations at the gate as students arrive at college that morning.

Also on Wednesday, 17 December, we will be having our Christmas Lunch. Each year group, whether they are buying a canteen dinner or not, will eat together in the Dining Hall or Sixth Form. Students will be given crackers, the tables and dining space will be decorated, students will be served their food at the table and, of course, there will be festive music playing. It will be a formal occasion, but no less fun! There will be a message of optimism and hope, as well as appreciation for what we have and hold dear.

On this day, only Christmas lunch will be served in the canteen for lunch. However, grab and go food will be available during break 1. The price of the meal will be £3.75 and we have subsidised the cost for any student entitled to a Free School Meal, so that everyone can enjoy the same dinner.

Therefore, to be clear, the Christmas Lunch is free to those in receipt of Free School Meals. However, if students choose not to have a Christmas Lunch, they will have their regular £2.75 allocation to spend at Break 1. We hope that as many students sign up for this as possible, as there are vegan and vegetarian options available and we can cater for any allergies. The link to an order form can be found below, please kindly complete the form in order for us to facilitate provision on the day.

[Christmas Lunch Order Form 2025](#)

This will need to be done by **Monday 1 December 9am**.

Please note, on **Wednesday 17 December** no other food will be served at lunchtime and all Christmas meals need to be pre-ordered through the form shared with your child.

We look forward to celebrating this festive season with your child and our community.

Best wishes



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Executive Head teacher

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