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Dear Parent/Carers

Christmas Holiday Information

As our Christmas holidays approach, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout this term. It has been a successful and rewarding Autumn Term. It is shortly time for staff, students and families to have a well-earned rest over the festive period.

I would like to make you aware of the arrangements for the final few days of the term. The school will close for the Christmas Holiday on **Wednesday 20th December** and will re-open on <u>Thursday 4th January 2024</u> at the usual time.

The school will close earlier on **Wednesday 20th December at 12.05pm.** The morning break will continue as normal. **School lunch will not be served**. Students entitled to Free Schools Meals can request and take a packed lunch from the kitchen prior to leaving. If you would like your child to receive a packed lunch on the last day please can you email <u>Admin@HalewoodAcademy.co.uk</u> by Friday 8th December 2023.

As we did last year, on Friday 15th December, we are asking all students to wear a Christmas item in addition to their normal school uniform. This item might include a Christmas jumper, headband, Christmas tie or socks etc. **Please note jewellery is still not to be worn.** All we ask in return for wearing an item is a small donation which we will gift to Save the Children. Students can donate on the day or through ParentPay. Students will still be expected to wear their blazer, trousers/skirts and school shoes.

Also, on Friday 15th December it will be **Christmas Dinner Day.** Students will have the choice of a Christmas Dinner or Cold Meal (sandwiches, pasta pots etc.)

On behalf of all the staff, Local Governing Body and Wade Deacon Trust Board, may I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. Please keep safe and I hope you enjoy the time with your families.

Yours faithfully

Mr I Critchley Principal