

Wanstead High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Festive Christmas Arrangements 2025

I am writing to you with excitement about the festive period and to update you about various initiatives that will be taking place at Wanstead High School.

Shoobox Appeal- Deadline 15th December

Following the success of last year where we donated over 250 presents, we will be launching the initiative again. If you would like to donate a Christmas Gift, please wrap this and clearly label the gender and age that the gift is suitable for. Pupils can put them under our Christmas Trees in the foyer area from 1st December. All gifts will be donated to families in need in the local area.

Festive Reflection Tree

On 8th/9th December at lunch times, staff and pupils alike will be invited to write a wish or reflection and place it on our tree. This initiative was poignantly supported by the whole school community last year and we will encourage all to do so again.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 18th December pupils may attend school wearing a festive Jumper. With the exception of a blazer, the rest of the school uniform will remain the same (including ties, shirts and lanyards). £2 will be added to your ParentPay account and you should donate this if your child wishes to participate. If you would like to support this, please pay by 15th December. All money raised will be donated to Haven House Children's Hospice.

<https://www.havenhouse.org.uk/>

Christmas Lunch

Every year our Christmas lunch is very popular and I have no doubt this year it will be the same. Pupils will be able to enjoy a Christmas dinner on Thursday 18th December at the usual school dinner cost (£2.70). This is a huge operation for the kitchen and as a result there will be no hot food sold at break times from the Pod or Canteen and the Christmas lunch will be the only food available at lunchtime so will need to bring a packed lunch if they do not wish to have this meal. Pupils will have a slightly amended lunch time to ensure all pupils have sufficient time to enjoy their meals. To support the kitchen, please can you fill in the google form so that enough of each requirement is ordered.

<https://forms.gle/uBfcJCUyD7MawAbAA>



Last Day of Term- Christmas Quiz

School will as always be closing early on the last day of term (19th December). Pupils will be dismissed from 12.00pm and pupils who receive free school meals will be able to access food at break time. During period 3, pupils will return to their form classes and complete a festive quiz which will form part of a whole school House Competition. We will expect pupils to travel straight home and change out of their school uniform if they wish to go out again.

In advance of the holidays, I would like to wish you and your families an enjoyable and peaceful break.

Yours faithfully

Mr L Wood
Assistant Headteacher