



# ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

## Reminder of the arrangements for the final week

I hope preparations for Christmas are going well. It's hard to believe it's the final week of school. I thought it would be useful to send you a reminder for the arrangements for this week.

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Awards Evening for last year's Year 11 and Year 13.

This joyful celebration of achievement and progress will take place in the hall tonight from 17:30.

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 12:00 to 14:45

A Christmas Community Afternoon Tea will be held for parishioners; it will be hosted by our Sixth Form ambassadors in the School Hall.

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Rewards Trip

Heads of Year will select pupils who deserve recognition. Parents of the lucky pupils will be contacted directly.

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas performance at Holy Souls Primary

This will take place in the afternoon at our partner primary school. Thank you for the Arts Department for overseeing.

### Hamper masses with Father Marco

The hamper masses will also take place on Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you so much, on behalf of the parish, for your generous donations. The times are detailed below.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 14:15 for Years 9 and 10

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15 for Years 7 and 8

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 14:15 for Year 11 and Sixth Form

### Rewards assemblies on Thursday

There are so many fantastic pupils at Archbishop Ilsley and this culture of recognition and positivity will be recognised at the following times on Thursday in the main hall:

Year 7	14:15
Year 8	8:45 on Friday
Year 9	8:45
Year 10	9:15
Year 11	9:45

### Final day for Year 11 and sixth form – 15:15 on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Our most senior pupils and sixth form will begin their Christmas holidays at 15:15 on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.



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**Final day for Years 7 to 10 – 12:35 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Only key stage pupils and Year 10's final day will be on Friday. Pupils and staff are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper. It is normal uniform otherwise. It is not a non-uniform day; pupils coming in their 'own clothes' (trainers, tracksuits etc) will be sent home to change. Year 7, 8 and 9 and 10 will be dismissed at 12:35. On this day, pupils can 'grab and go' their lunch at break-time.

**Helpful summary – with so much going on, hopefully this grid will make it clear:**

Year group	Hamper mass	Rewards assembly	Last day
7	9:15 Thursday	14:15 Thursday	12:35 Friday
8	9:15 Thursday	8:45 Friday	12:35 Friday
9	14:15 Wednesday	8:45 Thursday	12:35 Friday
10	14:15 Wednesday	9:15 Thursday	12:35 Friday
11	14:15 Thursday	9:45 Thursday	15:15 Thursday
Sixth form	14:15 Thursday		15:15 Thursday

**First day back – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

School will reopen on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January at the usual time. The gates on the Warwick Road will be open between 8am and 8:45.

**Lost property**

Has your son/daughter lost their coat? Have they mislaid their PE kit? This is available from collection all week from the table in O'Donnell Hall. Items not claimed will be donated to charity on Friday (20<sup>th</sup> December) so please ensure your child looks for any lost items before this day.

**And finally...**

I will write my Christmas message in Friday's ABI Update but may I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this term and wish you and your family a very happy, holy and restful Christmas.

Yours sincerely

*C. Clinton*

Mr Clinton  
Headteacher