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**THE
HASTINGS
ACADEMY**

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Dear Parent/Carer

With the end of term fast approaching I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the end of term and to also bring to your attention some other key school events taking place.

12th December

"A Christmas Cracker" an evening of drama, dance and music starting at 6pm. Come along and support. No ticket price, however a small donation would be appreciated.

19th December

Christmas Jumper Day. All students can wear a Christmas jumper and we ask for £1 donation towards our charities, The Sara Lee Trust and Chestnut Tree. On this day we will be serving Christmas Lunch.

We have arranged for a Christmas lunch to be available at a subsidised cost of £2, payable in the normal way or through ParentPay. This lunch will be available on a first come first served basis. If your child wishes to have a lunch they **must** collect a ticket from Student Services by **Friday 15th December**. This ticket should be given to the catering staff on the day when buying a Christmas lunch. A vegetarian option will be available and students will need the vegetarian ticket. **No ticket, no lunch.**

20th December

End of term. Students will finish at 12 noon.

4th January 2018

Start of term 3.

In the Event of School Closure

There is a clear expectation that The Hastings Academy will remain open while it is safe to do so. However, if the academy should close, it will probably be because of heavy snow overnight or a forecast of heavy snow during the day.



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How would you know if the academy were closed?

- Check on the academy website - www.thehastingsacademy.org.uk The website will be updated before 7.30am with the latest situation.
- Listen to Local Radio:-
 - BBC Radio Sussex
 - Arrow FM
 - Bright 1064
 - Sovereign Radio
 - Seahaven Radio
 - Heart FM
 - Uckfield FM
- Alternatively if you visit the East Sussex County Council website <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolclosurealerts/> you can subscribe to receive automatic RSS news and emails informing you of a school closure.

With regards to the re-opening of the academy, again please check our website or listen to the local radio stations.

As we prepare for the Christmas festivities, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of the academy. We have had a very busy term with many events and trips taking place; we had a very successful Open Evening and Open Mornings in October and I am pleased to report we will again be oversubscribed for September 2018. We also welcomed back last years' Year 11 students at our Awards Evening in November to collect their GCSE certificates. It was exciting to hear about the opportunities they are experiencing at college. Our Year 7 students have settled into secondary school life and our Year 11 students are all working hard preparing for their final year at the academy.

Wishing all our community a wonderful Christmas and my sincere thanks to everyone for their contributions to making the academy a special place to learn.

Yours faithfully



Stuart Smith
Principal