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Dear Families

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support during the term. Once again, the term has been very busy with activities taking place and celebrations recognising student achievement in a variety of ways. I hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter which has detailed our activities.

As we near the end of term we would like to share with you our planned Christmas activities.

Friday 2nd December

School is closed for staff training.

Monday 5th to Friday to Friday 16th December

Food Donation: Again this year we will be collecting food donations which will be given to The Big Local who support our local community. Students and staff can bring into school items of dried or tinned goods from either, Cereal, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Tinned vegetables, Lentils, Beans and Pulses, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Meat, Tea, Coffee, Tinned Fruit, Biscuits, UHT Milk or Fruit Juice. The donated items will be placed around our tree in the centre of school to be boxed on the last day and taken to The Big Local in Little Hulton. I know they are immensely grateful for your support.

Due to the current difficult climate for many of us, please do not feel obliged to have to donate.

We have set ourselves a target of 2,000 items. If we reach the target, students will be allowed to wear either a Christmas jumper under their blazer or an accessory ie hair accessory, hat, socks etc.

House Competitions: At the end of term we have several house competitions where the students will represent either Pankhurst, Delaney, Kingsley and Turing.

- House basketball: Students will be competing in a knockout style tournament during their PE lesson, winners will progress to finals after school.
- House Spelling Bee competition: Students will compete in their Forms during form time in order to reach the final. The finals will be held during assembly where each form representative will also be representing their house. All the words are provided to the students in advance to practice. Winners will receive a £10 Amazon gift voucher and a book from our very own book vending machine!.

Rewards: As shared with all our students at the start of the year, all students have been working hard towards achieving either a Gold, Silver or Bronze award. Students are rewarded in line with our Student Charter. This includes taking into consideration their attendance, punctuality, merits and behaviour. Students have been tracking their own progress fortnightly in form time.

Friday 9th December

This year, Christmas Lunch for students will be on Friday 9th December. Catering staff will prepare a Christmas lunch available as a meal deal priced at £2.20 which includes a desert and drink. There will also be on offer paninis, a special festive baguette, pizzas and sandwiches available should your child not want the hot dinner. In anticipation of high numbers on this day, we will slightly extend our school lunch break.

9th December, Silver Reward celebration: All silver and gold students will be able to take part in a laser tag activity and take part in a series of individual and team games.

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Monday 12th December

Reward Assemblies will take place for each year group during the course of the day. Assemblies will reward students for attendance, progress, effort, sporting activities and contribution to school life.

- **12th December, Gold Reward celebration:** Trip to the Lowry Outlet and watch a movie at the Vue Cinema.
- **12th December, Bronze Reward celebration:** Pop up cinema with a selection of drinks, popcorn and other treats.

Tuesday 13th December

Our Y10 students will have the opportunity to watch a production by an external company performing A Christmas Carol, organised by our English Department.

Thursday 15th December

- We hold our final house competition running throughout the school day today. Students will be competing in our annual dodge ball tournament. This is a round robin style tournament where all teams play each other. We will also allow all students not competing to spectate this event
- Our annual Christmas Concert will take place on the evening of Thursday 15th December. Doors open at 5.45pm and the show commences at 6.00pm.
Tickets are available from Mrs Ruscoe carmen.ruscoe@lowryacademy.org.uk or purchased at break time from the Safeguarding Office. Tickets are £2 per person (under 3s sitting on a parents knee are free). Be quick, as they will sell out fast.

Friday 16th December – Last Day

This is the last day in school for students. We say good bye and Merry Christmas at 12 mid day. Grab bags will be available for free school meal students. I'd like to stress the importance of attendance on this day.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family an enjoyable festive break and look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Wednesday 4th January, 2023 at the normal time of 8.25 a.m.

Yours faithfully

Claire Coy
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