

December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As we look forward to the festive season, it is perhaps a good time to reflect on the first term back at school since the national lockdown last summer.

This has been a school term like no other. There has been inevitable disruption to all of our normal routines and the reality of all of us having to get used to, what has essentially been, a new way of life. There have been many changes in school but our students and staff have adapted incredibly well to the new expectations. The staff are extremely proud of all of our students for the way they have responded and settled back into their learning.

Friday 18 December will be a half day for our students with a staggered finish. It will **not** be a staff training day. The finishing times for our students are as follows:

Year 7 finish school at 11.40am
Years 8 and 9 finish school at 11.50am
Years 10,11,12 and 13 finish school at 12 noon

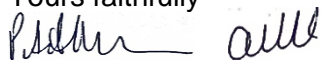
Free School Meals students will be able to spend their money during morning break on the last day of term. Throughout the week, there will be a Christmas Lunch available for students. Year 7, 8 and 9 Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday, with Year 10 and 11 on Wednesday and the Sixth Form on Thursday. Other meal options will still be available.

The return to school date for students is Monday 4 January 2021. This will be a normal school day. Please also be aware that Friday 8 January 2021 is a staff training day and no students will be in school on this day.

If you have a positive Coronavirus case to report during the Christmas holidays it is important that you carefully check the school website regularly in the *Key Information and Updates* section. This has details of the reporting procedure. Over the holidays, please notify the school urgently by email only at admin@jesmondparkacademy.org.uk (not by telephone or voicemail as these will not be monitored during the holiday period).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable festive season and a happy New Year.

Yours faithfully



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