



Tibshelf Community School
Doe Hill Lane
Tibshelf
Alfreton
DE55 5LZ

22nd December 2023

Dear parents / carers

December has been a fabulous month at Tibshelf Community School. As the term draws to a close and the festive period approaches there have been many events and activities that celebrate the varied aspects of school life and enables the whole school community to come together and demonstrate our character values.

We hosted two Christmas dinner events at school and these were very popular with staff and students. I would like to say a special thank you to our wonderful catering team who work incredibly hard and show compassion and care to all of our students. Our school meal service is exceptional and I know that our students do appreciate the quality of food on offer each day.

Furthermore, there has been the Christmas door competition taking place. Make sure you find out which form is the winner on our social media platforms. We are very proud to celebrate and promote the achievements of our students on our platforms and I do encourage you all to follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Thank you to our admin team who do a great job creating engaging content to be shared.

We always enjoy celebrating the positive attitudes of our students and yesterday we invited students to a Christmas movie. Those in attendance had been nominated by faculties in line with our character values and had a wonderful time watching a film with popcorn and sweets. During the afternoon we also hosted the Christmas party for all students in year 7 and 8 who have received no negative referrals this year. Fun was had by all with games, prizes and a mini-disco!

I would like to thank the personal development team for once again organising the Christmas gift boxes. As a school we made 34 boxes in total. Tutor groups worked together to fill the boxes and staff also donated their own. 24 boxes went to the Samaritans purse appeal and this is for children in war-torn countries. A further 10 boxes went to the Sheffield shoe box appeal and these are distributed across the area to charities such as Women's aid and People's refuge centres. The community spirit at Tibshelf is superb and we are very proud that so many have stepped forwards to gift to others at this time of year.

Headteacher: Lucie Wainwright

01773 872391

www.tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk

info@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk





End of term arrangements

The school term finishes at 1.00 p.m. on Friday 22nd December. Buses and taxis are in place for this time. Students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper in addition to the usual school uniform if they wish to do so.

Spring term 2024

All students return to school on Monday 8th January at 8.25 a.m. and students should arrive to tutor rooms for this time. Please ensure that uniform is of the highest standard at the start of the new term.

Holiday safeguarding information

We understand Christmas can be a difficult time for some, and while school is closed, we want to assure you that services will remain open to support families over the festive period.

Should your child have mental health worries please contact CAMHS on 07901330724.

If you have concerns for your family and children or others, please contact Call Derbyshire, Tel: 01629 533190. Should you have any urgent safeguarding concerns call the police on 101 or extreme emergencies call 999.

Our safeguarding email in school; safeguarding@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk will be checked on return to school should you wish to report anything over the festive break.

Year 11 pre-public exams (mocks)

We hope that our year 11 students enjoy a good rest over the festive period. Pre-public exams (mocks) will begin on Monday 15th January and I would, therefore, encourage a balanced approach to study and revision during the holidays – whilst it is important to have some ‘down-time’, they should be revisiting their studies on a regular basis to ensure all the hard work they have put in over the past 15 weeks isn’t forgotten. If you have any questions or concerns about the pre-public examinations, or your son/daughter’s preparation, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr Tomlinson or Mr Sykes.

I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy new year!

Yours Sincerely

Lucie Wainwright
Headteacher

Headteacher: Lucie Wainwright

01773 872391

www.tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk

info@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk

