

12 December 2025

Dear parents and carers

As we head into the last week of term we would like to remind you of a few important events happening next week.

SOCS Christmas Raffle

There's still time to buy your raffle tickets on ParentPay. **Sales close at midnight on Sunday 14 December.** Top prize is a **£100 Amazon voucher**; second prize is a **game of bowling and a round of drinks for 6 at The Light** and third prize is a **£50 Amazon voucher**. Plus, we have some great hampers, gifts and booze to win. **The draw will take place on Monday 15 December.** This is a ticketless raffle - once you have purchased on ParentPay you will go into the draw automatically. We will notify winners by email.

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

On **Thursday 18 December**, the day before we break up, all students are welcome to wear a **Christmas Jumper** alongside their usual uniform. If students choose to wear a Christmas jumper, they do not need to wear a blazer; however, if no Christmas jumper is being worn then blazers must be on. On this day students can also enjoy a traditional **Christmas dinner** at lunchtime, priced as the usual Main Meal. There is no need to book.

Own Clothes for Charity

On the last day of term, **Friday 19 December**, we are allowing all students to **wear their own clothes** in return for a **food donation to the LoveWorks food bank**. At this time of year, they need as much support as possible to help local families in need. Their priority list items include tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding and tinned fruit. We also ask each student to bring a **£1 cash donation for our New Astro Fund**. We are working with the Football Foundation and our local community to raise funds to refurbish the 3G pitch as it is reaching the end of its life.

Please ensure that your young person dresses appropriately for school, noting the non-uniform guidance below. **Lanyards must be worn** and if your young person has PE **they must bring PE kit to change into**.



Acceptable non-uniform

- Professional/formal wear (e.g. school uniform)
- Sportswear
- Jeans
- Leggings
- Shorts
- Shoes/trainers

What not to wear

- Offensive slogans on clothing
- Anything showing off tummys
- Strappy or low cut tops
- Hotpants
- Mini Skirts
- Overly ripped jeans
- Flip flops or sliders
- High heeled shoes

The School Uniform and Jewellery policies still apply. Students should come to school dressed in a neat and tidy manner with acceptable length skirts.

Early Finish

We also remind you that **school will finish at 12:30pm for all students on Friday 19 December**. We will welcome students back on Monday 5 January at the later time of 10:20am.

Best wishes

The Carrington Team

