November 2019

Dear Family

**End of Term Events**

I would like to draw your attention to a number of seasonal events that are taking place before the end of term.

**Christmas/Winter Jumper Day, in aid of Save the Children**

**Friday, 13 December 2019**

Students and staff are encouraged to take part in this national event by bringing and donating £1 to wear a Christmas, festive or wintery themed jumper instead of their shirt, tie and blazer. Students are expected to wear their skirt or trousers and school shoes as normal and must ensure that they bring all equipment that is required for the day, such as pens and PE kit.

Please note: Hoodies and jumpers/sweatshirts with sports logos will not be permitted. If a student does not have a suitable jumper but would like to take part they can speak to their Form Teacher as we will have a variety of materials that we can use to make a jumper a little more festive.

**WBCA Christmas Fair**

**Tuesday, 17 December, 3:30 – 6:30pm**

We invite students and their families to join us at our first annual Christmas Fair. The Fair is free to enter and will be offering:

* A range of hot and cold food and drink to purchase
* Christmas gift stalls
* Raffle with prizes including a 32” TV and scooter
* Games and contests
* Musical and drama performances by WBCA students
* An opportunity to meet Santa

**Competitions and Prizes**

Each of our Student Houses will be creating and hosting some activities at the Fair to raise money and to contribute to our ongoing House Competition. You may be able to support your child by contributing an item to be used as a prize. If you have any of the following unwanted items that you are willing to donate they would be gratefully received. Please bring any items to main reception.

For example:

* Toiletries
* Bottles for the bottle stall (this can be a bottle of anything but anyone under the age of 18 who wins an age restricted product must bring an adult to collect
* Soft toys
* Good quality toys/games
* Gifts/fancy goods
* Chocolate/confectionary

**Get Involved**

We are also offering the opportunity for local people to purchase a stall at the Christmas Fair for £10 and then keep the proceeds. For example, if you or someone you know makes Christmas cards or decorations this would be the perfect opportunity to showcase and sell them. As spaces are limited please contact the Academy in advance.

All monies raised by this event will be used to benefit the students at WBCA.

We are very happy to be supported by parent Mrs Gill who has agreed to lead our PTFA. If you would like to offer some assistance to the Christmas Fair or future events please email [info@wbca.shirelandcat.org.uk](mailto:info@wbca.shirelandcat.org.uk) with the subject heading ‘PTFA’.

If you are interested in attending the next WBCA Family and Community Forum meeting to receive updates and share your feedback with us the provisional date is **Wednesday, 4 March 2019, 6-7pm.** Another letter will be sent to you in the new year to confirm this.

**Student Christmas Dinner**

This two course festive meal will be available to students on Wednesday, 18 December 2019. It will be available as part of the Student Meal Deal and as always, a vegetarian option will be available.

**End of Term Arrangements**

Finally, Friday, 20 December 2019 will be a half day for students. Students will have lessons in the morning as normal, lunch and then will be dismissed at 1:30pm.

We will welcome the students back for the Spring Term at **8:40am on Monday, 6 January 2020.** Please ensure that any uniform issues are rectified over the break. Further details can be found here:

<https://wbca.school/the-academy/academy-uniform/>

Yours sincerely

Mr G Faux

**Principal**