

Christmas Service

On Thursday 15 December students will take part in an academy Christmas Service. Students will spend the morning in their VT group for some fun Christmas activities as well as each College attending a service with our academy Chaplain.



Clubs reminder

All after school clubs will finish on Friday 9 December to make way for students to be involved in our Christmas Card making activity. Sessions will take place on Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 December where students will have the opportunity to design a Christmas card, before writing a Christmas wish to a member of the community in one of our local care homes. If your child would like to take part in our Christmas Card project, please complete the form selecting which afternoon your child would like to stay for. <https://forms.office.com/r/NWs1idq9wU>



Graduation Clubs

When we return in the New Year, Year 7 students will take part in Graduation clubs starting 9 January, students are selecting these now and details will be emailed out to parents soon.

Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Dinner will be available to purchase on Thursday 15 December for all staff and students, this will include a dinner and pudding for £2.40.



Water Bottles

As an academy we are striving to limit our impact on the planet and one of our Earthshot pledges is to reduce the use of single use plastic. As we no longer sell bottled water, at the start of this academic year, all students were supplied with a reusable water bottle. Can you please ensure that students bring this water bottle (or a suitable alternative) everyday. Disposable cups will be available but these will incur a small fee.



January return details

Tuesday 3 January - Staff Training Day (closed to students)

Wednesday 4 January - all students return



From January the academy reception will be open from 7.15am to 4.30pm. If you have a query outside of these hours please email contactus@halifax.trinitymat.org

Are you winter ready?



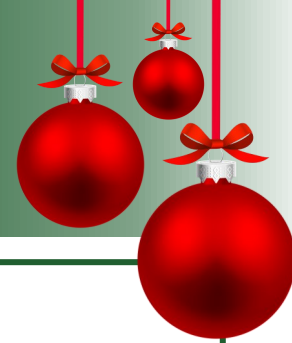
We ask that students and parents are prepared for adverse weather. Local weather conditions can change quickly, and students should ensure that they have a warm coat to wear over blazers and suitable footwear. Students are welcome to wear boots and wellies when necessary to and from the academy, but they must change into their standard footwear upon arrival. Footwear can be stored in lockers in a clean plastic bag.

In the case of adverse weather, the academy will always endeavour to open. We would like to politely remind parents and students that often a decision to close is due to external factors such as the bus company deeming it unsafe to run transportation. We endeavour to share communication regarding closure/opening decisions as soon as we possibly can, and these include text messages, our website, twitter and the local authority school closure notification page. Where no communication has been issued, we are open as normal. We work very hard to avoid any closure and will constantly review any adverse weather conditions to ensure an appropriate decision is taken.

Thank you!

We would like to say thank you to all parents/carers and students for contributions to the Christmas Shoebox appeal. These have now been distributed for Operation Christmas Child.





Locker information

With the winter months setting in and the weather becoming wetter and colder, students may have larger coats and heavier outdoor footwear that will need to be changed when they arrive at the academy. If a locker is needed to store bulkier items throughout the academy day, there is no charge for these. Students can bring their own padlocks and select an unused locker of their choice. Once they have chosen a locker, they need to make a note of the number and row of their locker and inform a member of staff at Student Services who will then keep a record.

Meal prices

Due to the increasing food costs, from January the price of some items in the restaurant will increase. The main meal will remain at the same price at £2.00 as the academy is able to subsidise this for students. However, the set meal price, which includes dinner and a pudding, will increase from £2.40 to £2.60

We would advise that students look at the options available before making a purchase as the set meal is often more cost effective than selecting individual items.

Period 6 lessons

Year 11 students are currently working diligently towards their GCSE examination window. In order to support our students through this period, it is imperative Year 11 students attend their Period 6 lessons which run from 2.20pm - 3.20pm Tuesday to Friday of every week. During these lessons, students are provided with subject specific examination support to ensure our students are able to meet their potential and secure results which will allow them to go onto their next steps successfully. We appreciate the festive period is approaching and therefore, period 6 lessons will be cancelled on Friday 16 December so that our students can enjoy their well-deserved breaks.

Non uniform day

On Friday 16 December the academy will hold a non uniform day for all students. We are asking for a small donation to our chosen charity, Save the Children. Christmas jumpers are optional but encouraged to get everyone in the festive spirit.



Pre loved uniform

We have some freshly laundered uniform, predominantly blazers but also some winter coats that have kindly been donated by parents. If you would benefit from receiving any items please contact our admin team who will arrange to find the correct sizes and items for you.



Attendance & Punctuality

Winter season is officially here and therefore we thought this was an appropriate time to discuss the importance of attendance and punctuality to school. The academy day begins at 8.10am and therefore it is crucial every student is in the building prior to this time to ensure they can access learning. **We have free breakfast available to students between 7.30am-8.00am**, and therefore, we encourage students to come into the academy early to enjoy their breakfast and set themselves up for the day. Punctuality is tracked and therefore, poor punctuality is sanctioned in line with our policy. Attendance to school allows our students to access a wide curriculum offer and therefore, it is imperative students are attending school on a daily basis. Our attendance team actively work with parent/carers and students to ensure our students are accessing learning by attending school. We have a large pastoral team to support our students throughout the day and thus, it is important students attend the academy every day to access this support should it be needed.

