

Monday 29 November 2021



THE BULWELL ACADEMY



**Countdown
to
Christmas!**



**Principal's
Weekly**
with Mr Nash



Designs on Christmas

Earlier this month, we launched 'The Big Draw' Christmas Card competition to design a festive card to be shared across the Trust's schools. Mr Barlow, Teacher of Design & Technology, had the enjoyable task of picking winning design from the fabulous entries created in a variety of media. The overall winner was Year 9's Ellie. Her watercolour design will be put forward as the Bulwell entry for the Creative Education Trust's competition.

Lateral Flow Tests: ISSUED WEEKLY TO ALL STUDENTS

To support the brilliant students of the Bulwell Academy to continue doing their bit to help the local and wider community in their efforts to manage the spread of Covid, all children have been issued Lateral Flow Test kits. We will continue to issue these weekly as we head towards Christmas to ensure that every necessary measure is taken to support all families to have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Every School Day Counts!

Daily school attendance is an essential part of school success and is a legal requirement. As we move towards the end of the calendar year, we remind parents and carers that the expectation is that all students attend the academy 5 days per week.

There has been a growing trend across all year groups of poor attendance at the end of the week. The impact of poor attendance can be significantly disruptive on learning. Whilst a day off every other week does not seem like much, when this is scaled across all of year 7-11, the equivalent is 6 months of lost schooling. The impact on progress in this situation can be significant.

We are asking parents and carers to support us and their children in ensuring that children attend every day on the run up to Christmas and beyond. If you feel that you need further support or have questions regarding attendance, please contact the Attendance Team directly.

Every School Day Counts

Get in On Time Every Day 1-17 December

Domino Pizza

Amazon Voucher

Echo Dots

Wireless Headphones

Queue Jump

TOP PRIZE Tablet

PRIZE DRAW EVERY DAY

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12 Days of Christmas

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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0115 964 7640 Option 1

Reward Time: 1 – 17 DECEMBER 2021

To celebrate the approaching end of term and in support of our drive on expected attendance standards we will be launching the '12 days of Christmas' reward. Students attending daily over the coming weeks will have the opportunity to win a variety of prizes - [click here to view the prizes](#). They can only be eligible for each daily prize draw if they attend. Please support us and your children's education by insisting on and promoting their attendance to school every day.

INSET Day: FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER

School will be closed on the above date whilst staff receive training to develop new skills and develop their teaching techniques.

Similarly, your child can be using the day to learn out of the classroom. On rainy days there are lots of on-line learning materials and, if possible, what about a trip to a local museum, park or art gallery?

visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk/whats-on

Thursday 16 December

Christmas Jumper Day

(or 'wear something festive' day)

Christmas Dinner Day

Just £2.10 for dinner, pudding & Christmas Cracker!

Christmas Festivities: THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER

On 16 December, Chef and his kitchen brigade will host the annual Christmas dinner for students and staff, complete with all the trimmings, Christmas crackers and seasonal music. [Click here for the Menu](#).

To get students and staff in the festive mood, they are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers for the day (or wear something festive such as an elf hat, Christmas tie or Christmas socks). Students should wear school uniform as normal but may leave their blazer at home if wearing a Christmas jumper.

Last Day of Term: FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER

The final winners of our "12 Days of Christmas" rewards will be announced. Flu vaccinations take place – [consent here](#). Whole school finish at 12.10pm. Students may stay for lunch and depart at 12.40pm if they wish.

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