

12th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the Christmas break, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. We hope that you are looking forward to enjoying this important time with your loved ones. We are writing to you to share some key information before the end of term.

Non-uniform day in aid of Save the Children

On Tuesday 19th December we will be raising money for the Save the Children Charity. This will be a full non-uniform day with the children wearing either a Christmas jumper, Christmas colours or Christmas sparkle.

Non-uniform should be appropriate for a school day. **Please note: Christmas pyjamas and onesies are not allowed.**

Suggested donation is £1 per student but please donate more if you feel able. Donations can be made via the Scopy app and students will also be able to donate cash on the day.

End of term

The school will close to all students at 12.30pm on Tuesday 19th December 2023 for the Christmas break. School buses will arrive for the earlier finish to ensure students are able to get home. If you are collecting your child or if they walk home, please plan accordingly. If your child has a free school meal, they will be able to collect this at breaktime on the day.

Return to school after the Christmas break

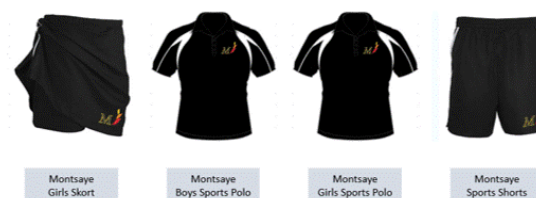
There is a staff training day across the Pathfinder Schools trust, which includes Montsaye Academy, on Wednesday 3rd January 2024. This means that all students are expected to return to school on Thursday 4th January 2024 in full uniform and they are to arrive by 8.35am. Buses will be running as normal.

Uniform

We look forward to welcoming all students in smart uniform for the start of the spring term. Uniform is a key part of setting high standards and shows that we represent the school community. Any uniform infringements may result in your child being sent home to change, borrowing items that are missing or being in reflection until uniform is rectified.

To make our uniform more affordable, the only items which need to be purchased from our supplier, Karl Sports (karlsports.co.uk), are the tie and blazer. The information below outlines the uniform required to be worn by all pupils.





Key Dates:

Tuesday 19th December 2023 – School closes at 12.30pm for Christmas break – All buses/pre-booked taxis arranged for finish time to collect students

Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – Staff Training days (School closed to all students)

Thursday 4th January 2024 – School reopens - students expected in full uniform and to arrive by 8.35am

Thursday 11th January 2024 – Year 8 Parents' Evening face-to-face (appointments can be made online via the School Cloud app) – more information to follow

We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Kind Regards,

The Montsaye Leadership Team