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BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

A Specialist Business and Enterprise College
with Applied Learning
Headteacher: Mr P McCaffery

Our ref: JMA/PB

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we enter the festive period, I am writing to update you on our wide range of events and trips taking place during the last week at school.

Each year our school organises a **Christmas Charity Appeal** to promote empathy and philanthropy. We have chosen to work with Atherton and Leigh Foodbank. Last year, our Year 11s raised over 500 items of food and with five-year groups taking part, we are hoping to raise over 2000 food items. Warren from the foodbank presented to students in an assembly on Monday 27th November. The students learned all about the work of the foodbank and the fact that there are more foodbanks than McDonalds restaurants in the UK! Over the month of December please give your child an item of food if you can donate to our appeal. We will be running lots of inter form competitions to promote our charity work.

Food items the foodbank is currently in need of:

UHT Milk	Cereal
Toiletries – shampoo and deodorant	Packet mash
Tea/Coffee/Hot chocolate	Nappies
Noodles	Pet food
Tinned items – fish, fruit, tomatoes, rice pudding, custard	Christmas treats
Cordial	

Christmas Dinner Days will take place on Tuesday 19th December for Year 7 and Year 8s and Wednesday 20th for Years 9 - 11. This is a two-course meal with a juice and will cost £3 which is payable on wisePAY. The deadline for payment is Friday 15th December. On the back page is the menu for you to browse. Students can wear a Christmas jumper if they wish on their designated dinner day.

We are also running our **Christmas Fayre** on Tuesday 19th for Years 9 – 11 and Wednesday 20th for Years 7 – 8. Tickets for the event are just £1. However, we will only be issuing 150 tickets for each day. Please encourage your child to buy a ticket early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are on sale in the library. We have a tombola, raffles, photo booths and much, much more! Everything at the event will be 50p each. All money raised will be

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split between our reading rewards events and Atherton and Leigh Foodbank. Last year's Christmas Fayre was a huge success, but we want this year to be even better! To make this event a success, we are reaching out to our Bedford community for donations. All donations will be greatly appreciated – big and small. We are looking for:

Unwanted (unused) gift sets	Chocolate – selection boxes, bars of chocolate
Christmas decorations	Teddy bears in good condition
Hamper baskets	Unused candles
Wrapping paper	Do you know someone with a business? Would they like to donate a gift certificate?

If you have any donations, they can be dropped off at the school main reception, or given to your child to drop off at the library.

Finally, during the last week of term we are also running our **attendance trips**, **inter form reward festive breakfast** (pancakes and blueberries or bacon with maple syrup), **inter form Christmas quiz** and our **Christmas assemblies** with a very special guest performance from our staff band!

Our last day of term is Friday 22nd December and we finish at 12pm.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Madden

Mrs J Madden
Assistant Headteacher