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Dear Parents/Carers

Cultural Dress / Christmas Jumper Day

As we get closer to the end of term, we look forward to celebrating our diverse community, inviting all students to wear **Cultural Dress** or a **Christmas jumper** to raise money for a charity that our sixth form student leaders are very passionate about.

This year, our Cultural Dress/Christmas Jumper Day will take place on **Wednesday 20th December**. We would kindly ask students to donate £1.00, or an affordable contribution, to support the chosen charity. Charity Meals is a wonderful charity that aims to support families without food, not just in the UK, but across the world. Any money raised will go to Charity Meals and our student-led Undivided Group, who will continue to celebrate cultural diversity throughout the year.

Our student leaders have offered guidance about what is appropriate wear on this occasion. This will be outlined in tutor time leading up to the event. It is important to highlight that this is not a non-school uniform day, but a day to celebrate our diverse culture in our President Kennedy Community. Therefore, jeans, trainers, crop tops, tracksuit tops, tracksuit bottoms, leggings and hoodies are not permitted. Any students who do not wish to participate in this event can wear their school uniform.

Christmas School Closure

I would like to confirm the arrangements for the end of this term. **School will finish at 1.30pm on Friday 22nd December**. Therefore, could I ask you to make the appropriate arrangements for your child. In the past we have had concerns expressed to us from our neighbouring primary schools about uninvited guests. Please support us in speaking to your child requesting that they must not interfere with other schools who might still be working.

The school site will be closed throughout the holidays and restarts after the Christmas shutdown on **Monday 8th January** at the normal time of **8.40am**.

I wanted to share with you two further dates of note in January:

Parent Consultation Day – Thursday 25th January

Our **Parent Consultation Day is being held on Thursday 25th January**. The purpose of this day is to give you the opportunity to discuss your child’s academic progress to date and their targets for the coming year. This is an essential part of teaching and learning at President Kennedy School.



In order to facilitate this day, the school will not operate a normal school day; instead we will set school work on Class Charts and your child should attend their appointment with you. Your child's College Team will be writing to you separately in the new year requesting your preferred time for a consultation appointment and how this will be organised.

Should you have any questions about the day, please do not hesitate to contact your child's College Director.

Teacher Training Day – Friday 26th January

I also wanted to confirm with you that on **Friday 26th January** the school will be closed for students. This day is one of the five days allocated each year for teacher training.

On behalf of the staff here at President Kennedy School I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year and to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to sharing with you our report from our recent Ofsted visit, in the New Year, once it has been published.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Rooke', written in a cursive style.

S Rooke
Headteacher