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11<sup>th</sup> December 2023



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### End of Term Arrangements

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to share with you the details for the end of the term arrangements and the start of the new term.

#### End of Term:

The school term ends on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Details are as follows:

On **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, pupils and students will leave school following their festive House assemblies. **Key Stage 3 will leave at 3.10pm** and **Key Stage 4 and 5 will leave at 1.15pm**. School buses will **not** be available for those departing at 1.15pm so pupils will need to make alternative arrangements for transport home. If your child cannot get home, please contact [postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk). Buses will be on site for years 7, 8 & 9. Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals in years 10-13 can use their whole allocation of £3.00 during break time to purchase food.

For ease of reference, here are the departure times by year for **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**:

Years 7, 8 & 9: 3.10pm

Years 10,11,12 & 13: 1.15pm

On **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**, the final day of term, pupils will depart as follows:

Years 7, 9, 12 & 13: 12.35pm

Years 8, 10, 11: 12.40pm

School buses will be available on the last day of term at the earlier departure times. Food will be available to buy during break. Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals can use their whole allocation of £3.00 during break time to purchase food.

**It is vital that your child returns home directly and does not wait around in the local community. Please support us by reinforcing this message at home.**

#### New Year; New Term

The new term starts on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024** for all year groups. A reminder that the gates open at 8.20am. **Pupils should be on site by 8.35am**. At the start of the new term breakfast will be available in the Bistro between 8.20-8.35am where pupils can buy a range of breakfast items. Pupils in receipt of Free School Meals can use their break allocation at this time.



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### **WEDUC reminder**

Can I remind you to check your child's WEDUC account and make sure that they have credit on their account. If your child is not in credit they will not be able to purchase the food that they would ordinarily choose from the menu and will only be offered a sandwich and juice carton. If you believe that you could be entitled to Free School Meals, please follow this link to apply: <https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/fsm/>. If you experience any difficulties with WEDUC please contact [postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk).

If you have not already downloaded the WEDUC app, you will be missing vital communication from school. Please contact us if you need assistance.

### **Uniform reminders**

Full uniform checks will continue to take place in the new term. Here is a reminder of our expectations <https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/uniform/>. Please ensure that your child's uniform is suitable.

As we near the end of term some pupils like to prepare by having nail extensions, eye-lash extensions and fake tans booked. As you know from our uniform policy, these are not permitted. Please do not book your child in for these appointments before we break up. Pupils who do not meet our uniform expectations will not be permitted to participate in the end of term activities.

### **Updates on Houses:**

Miss Trout will be leaving Barr Beacon School as Head of House for Clent at the end of term. Mr Bullock will be taking over as Head of House.

Can I thank you for your support this term and wish you and your family a restful break and happy new year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hibbs  
Headteacher



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