

5th December 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

Christmas at Brymore

I am writing to invite you to join the boys and staff at Brymore for our annual Christmas Carol Service at the end of term. As with the Harvest Festival, we have split the services in order that you may bring family and friends to celebrate Christmas with us. The Year 7 and 8 Carol Service will be on Friday 13th December at 4.00pm at St Mary's Church, Cannington, TA5 2HA and should finish by 5.00pm. Following the service, Years 7 and 8 boarders can collect their belongings from their boarding house and may sign out for the holiday. We will not be expecting any Year 7 and 8 students in school on Saturday. However, boarders will be able to stay on Friday night if they have an older sibling staying for the Saturday service.

The Carol Service for Years 9, 10 & 11 is on Saturday 14th December at 10.30am and should be finished by 11.30am, where all boys are able to leave for the Christmas holiday after collection of their belongings from their boarding house. School will start as usual at 8.30am on Saturday morning and **all** Year 9, 10 and 11 boys are expected to attend.

Parking at, and around, the Church is limited so please arrive in plenty of time. Alternatively, you may wish to park at school and walk to the Church.

School transport will be as follows ***(please read carefully as changes have been made to previous communication)***:

The Brymore bus to Minehead & Williton will leave at 3.15pm on Friday and 12.15pm on Saturday. If your son does not require transport home please message via the MyEd app by Wednesday 11th December 2024.

Transport provided by Somerset Council will leave at 12.15pm on the Saturday. However, leaving times for Friday 13th vary depending on route and this. A message will be sent via the MyEd app to relevant families. If you haven't received a message by next Tuesday please contact the office.

Boarding house Christmas parties will be held on Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 6.15pm and there will be no prep that evening.

On Wednesday 11th December there will be a Christmas lunch available for all boys to purchase at a cost of £2.60. This is a great opportunity for boys who have not experienced lunches in the canteen to do so that day. Out-boarders who wish to have lunch will need to ensure sufficient funds are available on their canteen account and will need to notify the kitchen of any specific dietary requirements. It will also be our 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Any donations (food or cash) will be gratefully received and passed to the local foodbank.

Christmas tea for Years 7 and 8 will be at 4.45pm on Thursday 12th December. Years 9, 10 and 11 will have their Christmas tea on the same day at 6.00pm.

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Finally, after Christmas, boarding students are expected to return on Tuesday 7th January 2025 between 6.00pm and 9.00pm and out-boarders on Wednesday 8th January 2024 by 8.30am.

There is an on-line parent consultation via SchoolCloud for Year 11 between 3.00pm - 8.00pm on Monday 6th January and again on Tuesday 7th January 2025. The Parent Consultation information will be sent out via MyEd by the end of this week. Please note, due to staff training on the Inset Days there will be no-one available to assist with any late enquiries. If an issue arises on the day please email the member of staff directly (email addresses can be found in the Parent/Student Handbook on the website or MyEd app).

I hope you are able to join us for the Christmas service this year as I know many parents see this as a highlight of the Brymore calendar.

Yours faithfully

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

Stefan McHale
Headteacher