



THE AVON VALLEY SCHOOL & PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

10th December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

The last week of term is often a busy one at The Avon Valley School, and we would like to take this opportunity to write to you and let you know about the activities that will be taking place.

Christmas Dinners

Our tradition of Christmas dinners continues in 2025, with Year 7 and Year 8 receiving their dinners on Tuesday 16th December, Year 9 and Year 10 on Wednesday 17th December, and our Year 11 munching through theirs on Thursday 18th December.

This is always a very special occasion, when our students come together to celebrate. It has, over the years, become a unique part of The Avon Valley School tradition, that we are dedicated to preserving.

All students will be in the canteen together on the day of their year group dinner, packed lunches can be brought in by those who have not purchased a dinner, but we would encourage all students to participate.

Please note we will only be running a limited break-time and lunch-time service on Christmas dinner days.

Theatre Production and Guest Speaker

Year 9 will be watching the Loudmouth Theatre “Working for Marcus” production, which teaches students about a wide range of child exploitation issues, including child sexual exploitation, exploitation into crime, e.g. county lines, substance abuse and knife crime. Loudmouth is a national education theatre company, their productions are well researched, relevant and engaging.

On Wednesday 17th December, Year 10 and Year 11 students will listen to motivational speaker Vicky MacQueen about how resilience and hard work help overcome barriers to achieve success.

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Year Group Celebrations

Each year group will engage in a variety of activities, suitably pitched for their age group. This includes the dinners mentioned above, quizzes, attendance prizes, sports competitions, wider curriculum opportunities and charity events.

Year 8 will need to bring their outdoor PE kits for Wednesday 17th December and Year 9 will need theirs on Thursday 19th December.

Festive Final Friday

Friday 19th December will be the final day of term, and we invite all students to wear their Christmas jumpers (or item) that day. This is not a non-uniform day. Acceptable items are Christmas jumpers (instead of blazers and ties), Christmas t-shirts, socks, or tinsel. Christmas pyjamas are not acceptable. All monies raised will go to The Myton Hospices, our chosen school charity of the year. A donation can be made through the MyEd App or cash on the day.

Please note there will be an extended break that day, with school finishing at 12:35pm.

Yours faithfully

Lee Hawkins
Assistant Headteacher