



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am very pleased to share further information with you regarding our final week of the term. We have an exciting and festive programme planned, and we look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students.

### **Santa Dash**

We are delighted to invite your child to take part in the first ever Iceni Santa Dash 2025!

The whole academy will come together for a festive lap of the school field while wearing Santa hats. This event will take place on Thursday 18th December. Pupils are invited to wear their Iceni PE kit and trainers for the day instead of school uniform.

From Monday 15th December, student leaders will visit form groups to collect £1 from any pupil wishing to purchase a Santa hat for the event. Students will need to bring £1 cash. Hats will be issued on Thursday morning, and pupils may wear them throughout the day, creating a wonderful sea of festive red and white around the academy.

Please note that any pupil eligible for Pupil Premium funding will receive a hat free of charge from the Academy.

We very much hope your child will join us for this fun, festive, feel-good event. We look forward to sharing some photos of the day with you!

Yours in (festive) sport, The PE Department

### **Knowledge Cup**

This half term marks our second ever Knowledge Cup, in which Years 8–11 will compete to earn valuable points for their houses.

To strengthen our sense of house identity across year groups, this round will see Year 9 pupils paired with Year 11, and Year 8 pupils paired with Year 10. The competition will take place on Thursday afternoon in the style of Who Wants to Be a Millionaire—with a Christmas twist!

### **Christmas Dinner**

On Tuesday, we will hold our annual Christmas dinner for all students who have signed up. This is a lovely opportunity for pupils to come together, enjoy a festive meal, and celebrate the season with peers and staff.

### **Celebration Events**

On Thursday, we will host the first of our year-group celebration events. These events recognise students who consistently demonstrate our values of Work Hard, Aim High, Be Kind, both in their lessons and across the wider school community.

This is the first time we are hosting such celebrations, and we are excited to acknowledge achievement across subjects, recognition points, and attendance. For Years 8–11, the celebrations will take place on Friday.

We look forward to celebrating our students' successes and rewarding them for their hard work this term.

### **Optional Christmas Jumper Day**

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, students may choose to wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas hat as part of their school uniform. This allows pupils to add a touch of festive cheer while maintaining our high expectations around uniform.

We are very much looking forward to a festive and enjoyable week with our students, while continuing to support their academic success and make the most of every learning opportunity.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor.

Kind regards,

Mr Morris

