THOMAS GAINSBOROUGH SCHOOL

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Christmas at Thomas Gainsborough School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your continued support this term. I am pleased to share our plans for celebrating Christmas at Thomas Gainsborough School.

Christmas Lunch will take place on **Thursday 17th December**. To give students the opportunity to sit together as a year group and enjoy their Christmas lunch, we will operate adjusted lunch arrangements on this day.

The timings will be as follows:

Year group	Time	Location
Year 7	11.15am to 12.00pm	Lightwell
Year 9	11.15am to 12.00pm	Main Hall
Year 8	12.15pm to 1.00pm	Lightwell
Year 10	12.15pm to 1.00pm	Main Hall
Year 11	1.15pm to 2.00pm	Lightwell
Years 12 and 13	1.15pm to 2.00pm	Main Hall

Students choosing a Christmas lunch will be offered roast turkey, roast potatoes, pigs in blankets, stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, vegetables and gravy, with a vegetarian/vegan alternative also available. Dessert will be a choice of chocolate fudge cake or strawberry gateau. The Christmas lunch will cost £3.70. For students who are eligible for free school meals, the Christmas lunch will be available as their normal free school meal with no additional cost.

To help our catering team plan and prepare for the day, **Christmas lunches must be pre-ordered through Arbor Pay in the Arbor Parent App by Friday 4th December**.

IMPORTANT: Christmas lunch will be the only school meal available on Thursday 17th December. There will be no other food or meal options available to purchase in school. If your child does not wish to have a Christmas lunch, they must bring a packed lunch from home.

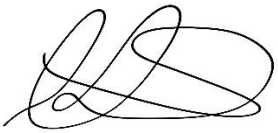
Students bringing a packed lunch will eat at the same time and in the same location as the rest of their year group, so everyone can enjoy the occasion together.

Thursday 17th December will also be **Christmas Jumper Day.** Students and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or add a festive touch to their usual school clothing. There is no charge or donation required to take part.

Our Christmas celebrations will conclude with the **Christmas Showcase**, starting at **5.30pm in the Main Hall**. Tickets are **£5** and can be purchased through the Arbor Parent App. Places are limited, so we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

We hope this will be a wonderful way for our whole school community to come together, celebrate Christmas and round off another brilliant term.

Yours sincerely,



Craig Lewis
Headteacher