



# NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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1 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Christmas Arrangements 2023

I am glad to be writing at this time of year to outline the numerous activities and arrangements we have at Newstead Wood School in the lead up to the end of term and Christmas.

### Christmas Concert

Please join us for the Music Department's Christmas Concert on **Thursday 7 December at 6.00pm**. It will feature performances from our Junior and Senior Orchestras, Jazz Band, Folk Club, Rock Bands, Chamber Choir, String Quartet and GCSE cohorts. Tickets are available on WisePay.

### Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas Lunch will be held on **Wednesday 13 December**. The Christmas Lunch (and vegetarian alternative) will be the only cooked meal available on this day. As this is such a popular occasion, with the vast majority of staff and students purchasing a Christmas Lunch, we will allow Year 7 and 8 students to have lunch early and will shorten afternoon registration. Students not wishing to have Christmas Lunch will need to bring a packed lunch or purchase a sandwich at break time to have for lunch. The cost of Christmas Lunch this year is **£3.95** and is paid by students via the usual WisePay system. Carols will be played and I'm looking forward to the Year 11 sing-a-long at the end of lunch!

### Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fayre will both take place on **Friday 15 December**. This year we will again be supporting the charity [Crisis at Christmas](#). Students and staff who wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas accessory are asked to donate **£2.00 to the charity**. Staff and the Head Student Team will be playing carols at the gate as they collect donations to kick start our festive day.

### Christmas Carol Competition

Our annual KS3 Christmas Carol Competition will take place on **Wednesday 20 December** and will provide a fitting end to the term.

### Christmas Closure

School will close at **12.05** on **Wednesday 20 December**. Lewis Coaches will be available to collect students at **12.15**.

**Headteacher:** Mr Alan Blount, MA, BSc, QTS

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School reopens on **Thursday 4 January 2024** for all students, and we take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over this past year and wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year period.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AB' followed by a long, wavy horizontal line.

**Alan Blount**  
**Headteacher**