

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 7 th – Friday 11 th December	Food Plant Christmas Theme Week
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term – School finishes at 1pm
Monday 4 th January	Students return to school

Christmas Jumper Day

A reminder that Friday 11th December 2020 is Christmas Jumper Day. Students are invited to wear a festive jumper to school in return for a voluntary donation to Colchester Foodbank. Please remember that normal school uniform should be worn, in addition to the jumper (or normal PE kit, as with Year 7 students who have PE on this day).



Suggested items for Colchester Foodbank are listed here:

- ❖ Small bags of rice
- ❖ Longlife milk and juice
- ❖ Tins or packets of custard
- ❖ Shampoo, shower gel, deodorant
 - ❖ Toothbrush / toothpaste
 - ❖ Carrier bags / re-useable bags
 - ❖ Squash
- ❖ Tinned fruit, tinned potatoes, tinned puddings
 - ❖ Small jars of coffee
 - ❖ Peanut butter
- ❖ Small packs of washing powder / liquid
- ❖ Multipack snacks, eg, Penguin, Club, Twix, KitKat

Last year's Christmas Jumper Day yielded an impressive 127kg of donations from students and staff, which was used to support families in our local area. Many thanks for your continued support, and for the generous Foodbank donations already received.

Absence Procedure

If your child is absent from school, please remember to observe our absence policy and contact our Student Absence Line daily via the main school number – 01206 671155 – preferably by 8.20am. This procedure is necessary for any student absence, including Covid-19 isolation. Thank you.

Food Plant Christmas Theme Week

<h1 style="margin: 0;">CHRISTMAS WEEK</h1>					
WEEK COMMENCING 7th December 2020	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
STREET BOX/POT	Turkey Butter Curry with Basmati Rice Christmas Pot Topped with Naan Bread (Wheat, Milk)	Southern Fried Chicken Burger with Onion Rings and Side Salad (Wheat)	Sliced Turkey, Pigs in Blankets, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and Gravy (Wheat, Egg, Milk) £2.30	Turkey and Chorizo Bomb Wraps (Wheat)	Battered Cod Fillet, Chipped Potatoes and Peas (Wheat, Milk, Fish)
Vegetarian	Cauliflower Bites Butter Curry Christmas Pot (Gluten, Milk)	Halloumi Burger with Onion Rings and Side Salad (Wheat)	Vegetarian Sausage Roll, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas and Vegetable Gravy (Wheat, Milk)	Sweet Chilli Quorn and Vegetable Bomb Wrap (Wheat, Egg,)	Quorn Nuggets and Chips (Wheat)
GRAB & GO From £1.00	Classic Margherita or Sausage and Bacon Pizza Wedge (Wheat, Gluten, Milk)	Quarter Pounder Beef Burger with Cheese in a Brioche Bun (Wheat, Gluten, Milk)	Various filled Baguettes and Sandwiches only available today.	Pasta Bolognese Pots Or Tomato & Basil Pots (See Individual Labels for Allergens)	Chicken Pots Nuggets and Chips (Wheat) Mini Fillets and Chips (Wheat)
BAGUETTES CAN BE BOUGHT INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A LUNCH BAG	A small range of pre-packed sandwiches and wraps are available daily, filled baguettes and lunch bags available at break and lunch time.				
CHRISTMAS SWEET TREATS	Gingerbread Reindeers & Santas £1.00 * Chocolate Coated Christmas Tree Ice-Creams 80p * Festive Iced Sponge Squares 75p * Ginger Spiced Muffins, Mincemeat Muffins 90p				
Check the product packaging, labelling and menus for information on Allergens or speak to a member of staff. Due to our methods of production, we cannot guarantee totally "FREE FROM" products.				Price Lists can be found on the Website	

No Pens Wednesday

Wednesday 25th November saw Paxman Academy take part in our first No Pens Day Wednesday - a day designed to encourage and prioritise the use of spoken language. Schools spend a lot of time working on developing students' writing skills, when of course the most cited skill needed for success in school and beyond is verbal communication. This is a national event run by the I CAN Foundation, and thousands of schools take part each year. As a school, developing our students' oracy skills is a key focus, and so we felt it was a good opportunity to put some of this work into practice.

As part of the day, students engaged in parliamentary debates in English, discussion of environmental issues in Science and storytelling and problem solving in Maths. Students also enjoyed the opportunity to take part in practical technology lessons, working on their sewing skills, while in Art, students used sentence stems to help them explore their personal responses and give critical evaluations of works of art.

Students engaged really well - although the temptation to use a pen was strong for some - and we will definitely reflect on the feedback of staff and students to take it even further next year!

Mrs Steele
Assistant Headteacher



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Paxman Academy Christmas Advent



What is the Paxman Academy Christmas Advent 2020 all about?

All students are invited to answer a daily Christmas quiz question displayed by the Advent Calendar (next to the Christmas tree in the Food Plant).

How to take part?

Each day, Mr Samjawon will send students a link to a Google Form via their school Google email account. Students can then simply click on the link and answer the Christmas quiz question (don't forget to 'Submit!'). Questions should be completed after the school day.

What happens next?

A lucky winner in Year 7 and Year 8 will be selected at random. The edible prize will be delivered the following school day. You have to be in it to win it... Good luck!

Thank you to Miss Pattinson for making our amazing Advent board, and to Mrs Newman for making our brilliant prizes.

Mr Samjawon
Head of Year 8