

8th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of the calendar year, I thought it would be useful to provide a brief summary of events that are taking place in the final two weeks of the term.

Crisis at Christmas Appeal

For several years Holyrood Academy has supported the Crisis at Christmas appeal. Crisis estimate that it costs £28.22 to support someone over the Christmas week, so we have set each tutor group the challenge of raising £28.22.

- **Last Saturday** - Staff from Axe Valley Academy, Holyrood Academy and Uffculme School completed a 65 mile Charity Bike Ride to raise funds for the Crisis at Christmas appeal. If you feel able to donate, you can find a link to the **JustGiving page** here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/uatcrisisbikeride> Thank you for your support!
- Meghan Vaughan in Year 8 also completed the 65 mile course and deserves a huge amount of credit for an enormous achievement. Sam Glenn and Oscar Wadey also completed a 10k run over the weekend and raised over £100. Well done to you all.
- **Monday 7th - Friday 11th December** - Each year group has been given a day of the week to complete their £28 challenge.
- **Friday 11th December** - Non-uniform day to support the Crisis at Christmas appeal. We would appreciate a voluntary contribution of £1 for wearing non-school uniform to support this important cause. It would be lovely if students chose to wear a festive jumper on this day. Whilst pupils do not have to follow the uniform rules on this day, we retain the right to ask pupils to change inappropriate clothing. Please talk to your child about their choices to ensure the clothes are suitable for a young person in a school environment. Christmas jumpers are encouraged but not compulsory!

Last day of term - Friday 18th December - The Academy will be closing at 12:30 on this day and students will be dismissed at this time. School Transport has been arranged for 12:30 to allow students a half day at the end of the term.

Our end of term newsletter will be released next week, as usual. I do hope that all of you and your families have a lovely Christmas and New Year.

Yours Sincerely

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