



HARLESTON SANCROFT
ACADEMY

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Value for this half term: Perseverance

Theme for this week (11 December - 15 December 2023): **Persevering for others**

Life Skills theme for the week: We are able to receive apologies with grace.

Life in All its Fullness:

There were a number of festive events that took place last week.

Wednesday saw local **senior citizens** join us for a splendid **Christmas dinner** and celebratory activities, including excerpts from the primary Nativity, carols sung by Year 7 students and a Christmas raffle. The event was a fantastic festive occasion which was enjoyed by all involved.



On Thursday, a number of students showcased their musical and dramatic talents at the performing arts **Christmas Showcase**. After the event a parent contacted us to describe the "incredible children" who performed adding that it "just amazing from everyone involved".

Also on Thursday, Christmas jumper day was enjoyed by students and staff alike, with a collection taken for *Save the Children*.

On Saturday, students and staff returned from a wonderful trip to the **Christmas markets in Cologne**. We are very proud of our students, who were excellent ambassadors - they also really embraced the opportunity to immerse themselves in a different culture.

Our Vision

The Harleston Sancroft Academy is a community that flourishes, through God's love, to live

'Life in All its Fullness'

(JOHN 10:10 AND JOHN 13:34).

We are a foundation of **Hope**; a family of **Love**; a school of nurture guided by **Faith**; promoting a unique, personalised journey towards excellence.



Advent resources:

We hope you have had a look at the Archbishops' Young Leaders' Advent resources which help us to think about what it was like for the shepherds, angels and kings in the Christmas story. Each of these groups had a different part to play; [these slides](#) explore their responses to the news of Jesus' birth.

Charitable giving:

We are currently collecting bags of granulated sugar for **Sugar for Shelters** (BEFA), a charity that helps the homeless and those in crisis over winter. Please send your child to school with a bag of sugar this week, if you are able to. Thank you once again for your very generous support.



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Road safety:

It's always important to wear a safety helmet when riding a bike or scooter - as per Mr Connelly's recent letter to parents/carers.

On these long, dark days, it is absolutely essential that students riding to and from school wear a helmet - and also have appropriate lights and hi-vis clothing.

Online Safety:

Please read the **December newsletter** which can be found on this page of the school website, [here](#).



Support for families - help from our local foodbank:

We know that anyone can find themselves at crisis point for a number of different reasons.



'Waveney Foodbank' works using a voucher referral system which can be obtained from a variety of different agencies, including Citizens Advice, children's centres and health visitors, who will take some basic details for you. Once you have been issued with a voucher, you can exchange this for a minimum of three days of [emergency food](#) at your nearest [foodbank centre](#).

We are pleased to inform parents and carers that we are now able to support our families by issuing vouchers. Please speak to Mr Mullen (primary phase), or **Miss Booty** (secondary phase) if you would require a voucher.

Key dates for the next few weeks:

Tues 12 Dec: Flu vaccinations - all Year Groups

Weds 13 Dec: A-Team Christmas lunch

Thurs 14 Dec: Students' Christmas lunch

Thurs 14 Dec: Well-being café - Young Minds

Thurs 14 Dec: Y11 Parents'/Carers' Evening

Fri 15 Dec: KS3 Rewards Breakfast

Tues 19 Dec: Y7 Parents'/Carers' Evening

Weds 20 Dec: secondary phase whole-school assembly; celebration assemblies and afternoon festive activities. *The pastoral team will be sharing more information about the last day later this week.* The school closes for the Christmas holidays: we will be closed to children from Thurs 21 Dec - Weds 3 Jan inclusive.

Thurs 4 Jan: Students return to school

Thurs 4 Jan: Y8 Parents'/Carers' Evening

School website and X/Twitter: The [school website](#) is a useful source of information. Please also visit the Harleston Sancroft Academy [X/Twitter feed](#) for photos and updates.

Prayer for the Advent season: Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.