

15 December 2025



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Dear Parent/Carer

Updates for the end of term arrangements and the start of the new term

End of term:

The school term ends on Thursday 18 December 2025 with pupils being dismissed at 12:30pm. The 751 bus will be collecting pupils at this time.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, a packed lunch will be available to collect from the school canteen when pupils are dismissed. If you wish for your child to have a packed lunch provided on this day, please request one through postbox@smestowacademy.co.uk no later than 2pm on Wednesday 17 December 2025.

Start of term:

The new term starts on Tuesday 6 January 2026 for all year groups.

School closures for training:

Please can I also draw your attention to the remaining training days this year, when school will be closed to pupils:

Friday 19 December 2025

Monday 5 January 2026

Monday 20 July 2026

Uniform

A reminder that our uniform consists of:

- Black blazer
- White school shirt
- School tie in house colours (minimum of 6 stripes to be visible)
- Black 'V' neck long sleeve jumper (optional)
- Black tailored trousers or black formal skirt (appropriate length)
- Black socks or tights (not patterned)
- Plain black leather shoes
- One pair of small stud earrings to be worn in the lower lobe
- No facial piercings, nail varnish, false lashes or false nails
- Natural hair colour only
- No shaved lines in hair/eyebrows



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Recently we have had an increase in a small number of girls wearing inappropriate length skirts. We ask for your support in addressing this. Pupils not upholding the correct standard of uniform following the Christmas break will be sanctioned.

More detail for clarity on the expected standard of uniform (including appropriate skirts) can be found at <https://smestowacademy.co.uk/uniform/>

Healthy Drinks in School

As part of our commitment to promoting the health, wellbeing and academic success of all students, we would like to remind families that high-sugar and high-caffeine energy drinks are **not permitted on school premises** and will be **confiscated if brought into school**. Evidence shows that energy drinks can negatively impact concentration, sleep, behaviour and dental health, and contribute to obesity due to their high sugar content, which is why both educators and health experts have raised serious concerns about their consumption by young people. Recent government guidance in England is moving towards restricting the sale of these drinks to under-16s in recognition of these risks – you can read more about this public health initiative here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ban-on-selling-high-caffeine-energy-drinks-to-boost-kids-health.gov.uk>

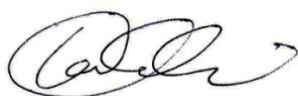
Other reminders

If you need to contact school regarding your child, please call and select appropriate House office to get in touch with your child's Head of House. All parental contact comes through the House office for consistency. If you would prefer a meeting, please do call and book in advance and not arrive in reception and expect to be seen. Heads of House or senior leaders may have lessons or other meetings already booked.

If you have any changes to contact details or you move address, please ensure you inform school for most up to date contact details.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas break and wish you and your family a happy new year.

Yours faithfully



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