



The Ferrers School

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Dear Parents & Carers

All things Christmas 2025

Christmas Hamper Appeal

For several years students have been invited to take part in an annual **Christmas Hamper** competition. This year we are looking for small donations which can be parcelled up and delivered in the local area to vulnerable families in need and to the Higham Ferrers Food Bank. We appreciate that in the current climate many families are struggling, and collectively as a school we are hoping that we can bring some cheer to the neighbourhood.

We are asking for a small donation such as a packet of biscuits, box mince pies, tin of soup, basic toiletries or something suitable and non-perishable that would be appreciated at Christmas time. Alternatively, you may donate through the MCAS app via the Store Icon. We really cannot express the gratitude and thanks we receive from the local community, and this is something which we welcome all students and staff to take part. This initiative is also the final interhouse competition of the year and the winning tutor group will receive a prize during our celebration assembly. The deadline for donations for the hampers is **Friday 12th December**.

We know that times are especially financially and emotionally challenging for many of our own families at this time of year, and if you feel that your family would benefit from a hamper, please email in confidence to kyork@theferrers.org before 3pm on Friday 12th December so that arrangements can be made.

Bake Off

After the success of last year's **Christmas Cake Competition**, we will be inviting any budding bakers to enter. This is open to all students across the school and can be of any design, large or small. Students are challenged to produce a show stopping cake to be delivered to the food tech room first thing in the morning on **Monday 15th December**. The cakes will then be judged, winners announced and prizes awarded for the top 3 cakes. The cakes will then be available to purchase during lunch break to raise contributions towards our hamper fund. Students can purchase and donate via their bank cards using our sum up card reader on the day or in advance through the MCAS Store. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept cash.

Christmas Dinner

On **Wednesday 17th December** Caterlink will be serving Christmas Dinner. Tickets can be purchased from *Monday 1st – Friday 5th December*. Every student entitled to a free school meal (FSM) will be invited to the dinner and a ticket **MUST** be collected during next week to secure their meal, at no extra cost. For all other students, please make sure that there is enough money on their account to cover the cost of the dinner



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Cadet Force



when purchasing their ticket next week. The cost is £3.50 and a copy of the menu can be found at the end of this letter.

Christmas Jumper & Festive Mufti

On **Friday 19th December** we will also be participating in **Christmas Jumper Day**, and the whole school is invited to take part **by wearing a festive jumper (or full mufti with a Christmas theme and festive colours please)**. Golden Tickets for the best dressed will be on offer again! To participate, we are asking for a £1.00 donation. The proceeds from this day will be donated to a local charity, to be decided by the students.

MCAS will be open to make donations for the Christmas Jumper Day/Festive Mufti.
Unfortunately, we cannot take any cash on site.

Thank you in advance for your support of our festive period.

Yours sincerely



Assistant Principal

