Knox Academy

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Dear Parent(s) /Carer(s)

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

The Autumn/Winter term is always packed with activities, which add something special to school life, and this session will be no different in terms of the number of events taking place during the month of December.

The school will celebrate the start of the festive season with our **S1–S3 Christmas Dance on Thursday 10 December**, from 7–9pm. This will be held in the school's games hall. This fun-filled evening will feature a mix of disco tunes and traditional Scottish country dancing. Pupils will begin learning the dances in PE soon, so they will be ready to take to the floor! Our **Senior Dance (S4–S6) will take place on Monday 14 December**, from 7–9pm. This offers our seniors a chance to dress up and have some festive fun with their peers following their prelims.

On **Saturday 12 December** our fourth 'Festive Enterprise Fayre' will take place in the school from 10 am - 12 noon. S1 Business and Administration classes, as well as other groups including our S6 Young Enterprise, will be presenting stalls offering a variety of festive products and gift ideas, as well as some fun activities. There will also be refreshments, festive face painting and a visit from Santa. There are no tickets for this event and parents/carers and pupils are invited to come along on the day to browse items and hopefully make some purchases too (please bring cash).

Our tasty Christmas lunch will take place in **Wednesday 15 December** and this will be done in two sittings – S4-S6 (early lunch) and S1-S3 (normal time). Our wonderful team will all be providing vegetarian and vegan options.

On **Wednesday 16 December**, during the school day, the **S1 Christmas Choir** (the entire S1 year group) will perform to our Senior Leadership Team, Pupil Support Leaders and S1 Teachers. They will perform Silent Night in harmony and will then be joined by Senior Jazz musicians to perform a fabulous, upbeat rendition of Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree. All S1s have been encouraged to sign up to perform the following evening at our evening Christmas Concert (so great if parents/carers can also give them a nudge to do this too).

The Music Department will be hosting the **Knox Christmas Concert on Thursday 17 December** at 7pm. This is always a fantastic event showcasing a range of musical groups including Jazz Band, Goats' Toes, Knox Orchestra, Knox Choir, String Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble etc. 2026 will include some special additions such as the Knox Saxophone Group, Knight Fever Dance, Off Grid, High Tyde and the newly established Knox Brass Ensemble. Tickets go on sale 1st December in the Music Department & Foyer at Break. (£4 adults/£2 concession CASH). #COMMUNITY

Knox Saxophone Group will perform at the Haddington Community Church Carol Service at 5:30pm on Sunday 20th December. All Welcome.

A summary of dates for your diaries:

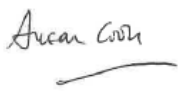
Thursday 10 December	S1-S3 Winter Ball (7-9pm)
Saturday 12 December	Festive Enterprise Fayre (10am-12 midday)
Monday 14 December	S4-S6 Winter Ball (7-9pm)
Tuesday 15 December	Christmas Lunch (food court)
Thursday 17 December	Christmas Concert (7pm – 9pm)
Friday 18 December	School will close at 12.15
Tuesday 5 January 2027	All pupils and staff return to school

Looking ahead to the New Year, our Coursing process for session 2026/27 will begin in January. The date for your diary for this is:

Tuesday 12 January 2027	**S1 Parents' Evening (4.30-6.30pm)**
Wednesday 13 January	**Whole school careers event (6-8pm)**
Wednesday 20 January	**Parents'/carers' Coursing Information Evening (6.30-7.30pm).**

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and all the staff at Knox Academy, to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We will look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday 5 January 2027.

Warmest wishes



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