

Hannukah and Winter Traditions Assembly

On Wednesday 3rd December during the weekly assembly, students explored the rich variety of winter traditions celebrated around the world.

They learned about the story and symbolism of Hanukkah, discovered the meaning behind Boxing Day, and revisited the festive spirit of Christmas, students also explored global celebrations like Omisoka in Japan and Three Kings Day in many Spanish-speaking countries.

To top it off, they explored the warm, cosy history of Christmas markets and how they've become a beloved winter tradition across Europe.

A wonderful reminder that this season is full of light, culture, and community.



Parkside Student's Christmas Lunch

The traditional Parkside Christmas Lunch will be served to all students on Wednesday 17th December. The meal will be free of charge.

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day will be on Wednesday 17th December. Students should wear full uniform and can wear their jumpers under their blazers.

End of Term Notice

The autumn term ends on Friday 19th December. All students will be expected to attend college at the normal time of 8:45am, but there will be dismissed at the earlier time of 12:15pm.

Academic Tutoring Meetings

Academic Tutoring meetings, for all students and their parents, guardians or carers, will be held on Tuesday 6th January 2026 between 1:30pm and 5:00pm. Letters confirming times of appointments will be sent out in due course. Any parent, guardian or carer who has any questions or who has not received confirmation of their appointment should contact the College as soon as possible on 0208 573 2037.

Bookings Now Open for Hillingdon's Winter HAF Programme

We're delighted to announce that bookings are now open for Hillingdon's Winter 2025/26 Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme. The HAF winter programme will be delivered from **Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January 2026**


Children and young people can enjoy:

Healthy meals every day
 Fun, creative, and physical activities
 Food, cooking, and nutrition activities
 Opportunities to learn new skills and make friends
 This winter's activities include:

- Sports sessions
- Creative arts programmes
- Multi-activity camps
- STEM workshops
- SEND-friendly activity camps
- ...and much more!

Full details, including how to book and provider contact information, can be found on our website:

<https://www.therosedalehewensacademytrust.co.uk/news-and-events-1/latest-news/hillingdons-winter-2025-26-holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme>

	Week Commencing: Monday 15th December	
	MENU 3	

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chilli Con Carne with Pitta Bread or Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Halal
Meal Choice 3	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Non Halal
Meal Choice 4	Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 5	Gluten free Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes without Milk or Butter	Gluten/Dairy Free
Vegetables	Carrots and Green Cabbage	
Dessert Choice	Orange Jelly	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Halal
Meal Choice 3	Beef Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Non Halal
Meal Choice 4	Vegetarian Lasagne with Fresh Salad	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 5	Minced Beef with Gluten free Pasta	Gluten/Dairy Free
Vegetables	Broccoli and Cauliflower Florets	
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Mousse	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Lamb Koftas with Rice and a Yogurt and Cucumber Dip	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 3	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 4	Chickpea and Lentil Curry	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 5	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Gluten/Dairy Free
Vegetables	French Beans and Sweetcorn	
Dessert Choice	Apple Crumble	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Cajun Chicken in a Ciabatta Roll with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Cajun Chicken in a Ciabatta Roll with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Roast Mediterranean Vegetables in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Cajun Chicken with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Gluten/Dairy Free
Vegetables	Baby Carrots and Peas	
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Sponge with a Pineapple Ring and a Cherry	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 2	Salmon and Dill Fishcakes with Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 3	Chicken Fillet with Potato Wedges	Halal
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Vegetables	Broccoli and Mushy Peas	
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Brownie Tray Bake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day. Homemade Soup of the Day and Baked Jacket Potato with Filling, are available daily</i>		

	December to January 2025	
December		
Wednesday 17th	Student Christmas Lunch	
Friday 19th	Term Ends (early dismissal)	
January		
Monday 5th	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 6th	Academic Tutoring Day	
Wednesday 7th	Term Begins	