

A very Merry Christmas from us all at Options Barton School. We have enjoyed some festive activities this month. These have included our Christmas Market, Singing Assembly, Christmas tree festival and a lovely Christmas lunch. We also had our annual Christmas display competition. Read below to see which class won this year. Between all these exciting activities the pupils have worked hard in lessons and some pupils were even sitting exams in the last week of term!



Christmas Lunch

On the 18th December we had our school Christmas lunch. Lunch was served with waiter service by some helpful elves. The dinner was fantastic with turkey and all the trimmings. The pupils and staff enjoyed sitting together, having Christmas crackers and a wide range of desserts to choose from. An enormous thank you to our kitchen staff for cooking up such a delicious meal.



Christmas Market

We held our annual Christmas Market on the 11th December. It was great to have so many families visit and join us for the afternoon. The students made drinks, Christmas decorations, fudge and the pupils made some lovely succulent plants during their horticulture sessions. We also had a raffle with a wide range of prizes donated by local businesses. We raised a whopping £225.94 for Hull Animal Welfare Trust. Thank you for everyone who attended and we hope to see you all again soon.



Singing assembly

Our final assembly this term was a singing assembly. We sang a range of Christmas songs and learn some key Makaton signs as we sang along. The pupils showed some fantastic dance moves, as did the staff.



Behaviour Policy

This term we shared a pupil friendly version of our behaviour policy with the students. We launched this with a whole school assembly. The key messages were:

We are here to help

We celebrate all children and young people, and their strengths and achievements

We help pupils recognise big emotions and learn strategies to use when they experience these big emotions.

We keep everyone safe

Our full behaviour policy alongside the pupil friendly version is available on our school website.

Site developments

Our new KS4 & 5 area will be ready for pupils when we return in January. We have created 5 new classrooms, a new medical room, new toilets and a common room for these pupils to access. We are really excited to start to use the space and pupils will start to transition upstairs when we return.

What is next?

The builders will now move up to the onsite cabins. These will be developed and adapted with the aim of opening as a Key Stage 1 unit allowing us to welcome pupils to the school from the age of 5, later in the year.

They will also be working on our Vocational block. This includes:

A hair and beauty area, horticulture, arts and enterprise, construction and new girls and boys changing facilities.

We look forward to showing you the transformation of the school in the new year and thank you for your continued support during this period.

Key Dates

Monday 6th January – staff training day

Tuesday 7th January – school opens

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to seeing you all in 2025!

Hannah, Headteacher

