



17th December 2025

Re: Christmas Culture Vultures

Dear parents and carers,

At Ashington Academy, we are committed to nurturing curiosity and encouraging our students to explore interests beyond the classroom. Following on from the success and engagement with our Halloween Culture Vultures Challenge with KS3 we are excited to launch the Christmas Culture Vultures Challenge.

What is the Culture Vultures Challenge?

Culture Vultures is a new termly initiative designed to inspire pupils in **Years 7 to 9** to engage in a variety of creative and cultural challenges outside of school. Each pupil is expected to complete at least one challenge, although they are welcome to take on more if they wish. The challenges cover a wide range of interests and skills, ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy and explore.

How will students be recognised and rewarded for this work?

Students will earn house points for each challenge they complete, and exceptional projects will be recognised with additional prizes. All entries will be celebrated in school to acknowledge the effort and creativity involved.

When do students submit their projects?

The deadline for submitting completed projects is **Wednesday 6th January**. Pupils should bring their work to school and hand it in during tutor time. Each form group will also be allocated a time slot to visit our Celebration Station, where their efforts will be recognised and rewards distributed.

How can you support your child?

We warmly encourage parents and families to get involved and support pupils in completing their chosen challenges. Your encouragement and participation can make a big difference.

If you have any questions about the Culture Vultures Challenge, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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