

A Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Successful 2021

Important dates

- Cambridge Technical Exams- many of you have exams after Christmas. Please create a revision timetable this week.
- **Forward notice.... Mock Exam Week: These will take place in the week 8th-12th February (in 5 school weeks)**

To prepare please keep going over work you have done in class and Year 13s please make sure you are going over Year 12 work.

- *Exams: The government has made it clear exams will go ahead in the summer with some adjustments which we will find out about in January.*
- **Subject mentoring continues again this week- please see later on in the Bulletin which subjects are this week**
- **Friday 18th December: Start of Christmas Holidays ... we finish at the end of period 3 (no UCAS club on Friday as school will close early but UCAS help is available until 6pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as well as each break and lunchtime in the IT Suite). Please go to your tutor groups at the start of period 3 on Friday.**
- **Friday 15th January (6pm): Final date for sending UCAS applications but ideally we want them all sent by Thursday 17th December (6pm).**

Please Note

- **The ICT suite in the Sixth Form Centre goes quiet after school at 3.30 pm each day. This is to give you an extra facility to work in, without distraction, as we start heading for some January exams and coursework deadlines loom.**

Please also note..... Lanyards are a compulsory item to wear when in school.....

- Please wear your lanyard at all times in school – if you have lost yours or it is broken please see Mrs Booth**

Charity Matters.....

We have received great news from the Comic Relief fundraising team that the Kimberley School has made it exact) of schools for fund achievement and certainly hard work really does benefit

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into the top 100 (84th to be raising . This is a massive goes to show that all your those who are less privileged .

How nice it is to be recognised and to use the words of the Comic Relief Fundraising Committee.....

‘genuinely incredible work’



We will let you know how much staff and sixth form have raised once the money has been quarantined and counted. If you forgot your £1 please give it to Mrs Booth on Monday

Isobel Roberts (pictured here won the prize for most inventive and creative jumper!)



Keeping your cup safe!

Miss Iwanczuk has set up a 'cup tidy' next to the sink in the kitchen area, if you want to bring your own cup/tea/coffee etc. into school and use one of the pigeon holes please feel free to do so. We have left some labels next to it for you to write your name on and then stick in your own pigeon hole.



Safety matters

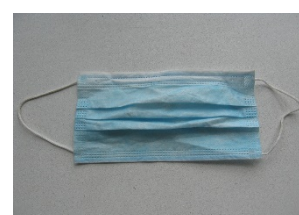
- Please don't let anyone in to school using your lanyard....only yourself.

A number of students aren't wearing their lanyards- this is a safeguarding requirement so please do so.

Thank you for continuing to wear your face masks and please remember to observe the 2m distancing



guidelines around school.



- If you forget your mask please see Mrs Booth, but do be aware that we have limited funds to keep supplying them. (If you can donate 50p if you need one – that would be great).
- Please wipe down the tables and chairs after lessons or when you have been using them, you can use the wipes or sanitising spray in the room. PLEASE REMEMBER TO WASH YOUR HANDS BEFORE AND AFTER EATING AND REGULARLY THROUGH THE DAY
- Wiping down: please wipe the keyboard/ table before you work on it

- Please also remember that you should not closely congregate together during break and lunch.
- When working in the Common Room or any classroom you should work facing forwards at all times.
- Please stay in the 6th Form areas at break and lunchtime if you are on site. Please do not go to the main canteen.
- Please don't share drinks etc. and please think about how you are standing when chatting- are you too near? Please keep to the safety advice.
- Please be very quiet when moving around main school during lesson changeovers- especially at the moment as Year 11s are completing their mock exams.



The New 6th Form Centre

- Please continue to use the bins provided for your rubbish including chewing gum as this is really hard to remove from surfaces and looks horrible. We have a litter picking devise that you are welcome to borrow, so if you see litter and are willing to help keep the place as perfect as possible come and borrow it!
- **Toilets:** Thank you for following the 'lid down' policy- please continue to do so.
- **Eating in the IT suite:** Due to safety measures we are aware there aren't enough seats in the Common Room so we understand that until this changes some of you will need to eat upstairs in order to sit down. As the floor is carpeted in the IT Suite we really need a complete '**no crumb policy**' up there please. Please wipe the table before you sit down to eat and wipe as you leave as lessons take place in there. We have put more chairs in there and tables. There is no reason to sit on a table so please don't 😊



- **Please also don't turn chairs around, unless you are keeping a 2m distance.**

Study periods

Thank you all for respecting our quiet study period in the Common Room and in the IT suite.

Remember, if you need a quiet place to study, the Common Room and IT suite are open until **6.00pm each day**. It has been great to see so many of you using it already to work in before and after school.

If you have a group task that is going to involve you needing to talk to each other, during study periods or after school please see Mrs Booth who will do her best to find a space for you. **Please don't use the Meeting Room without permission and please don't eat in there.**

Signing in and out : Please make sure you take a few seconds to sign into the Common Room when you arrive and sign out when you leave the school premises (for example if you are going out for lunch). This will help us to have a clear idea of who is in school should we need to evacuate in an emergency.

Use of the Internet in school... it is for study use ...

You are probably aware that we are having some problems with the internet provision in the 6th Form centre. Therefore, please don't use your phones to access anything that isn't necessary for your studies as this is, our IT technicians tell us, having an impact

We know many of you use your phones to access websites to help with your studies, but please be aware that the ICT staff can see what you are downloading – please don't sit and watch films downloaded from Netflix or endless YouTube videos. This time is valuable study time to do homework, write up notes, research etc and is affecting those who need access to the internet for academic purposes. Thank you.

Role models: Please set a good example at all times

Please do not use your phone publicly when moving around school. As Sixth Formers, you play a big part in setting the work ethic around school. If younger students see you on your phones then they may feel that this is acceptable behaviour.



Dress Code

Just a reminder to all sixth form students that although there is a non-uniform policy, appropriate clothing is expected to be worn, school is a professional environment and the way we dress needs to reflect this.

Joke of the week:

What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?



Elizabeth O'Donnell and Hollie Newell – 17th December

And over the holidays to:

Thomas Marley and Chloe Cheetham – 23rd December

Emily Owen - 26th December

Lucy Coulter – 29th December

Katie Rose – 31st December

Year 13 – UCAS applications..... 54 applications have now been sent.....

Miss Iwanczuk and I are trying to be available at breaks and lunchtimes in the IT Suite as well as after school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. Please see your tutors with your Personal Statements so that they can check them to save time.

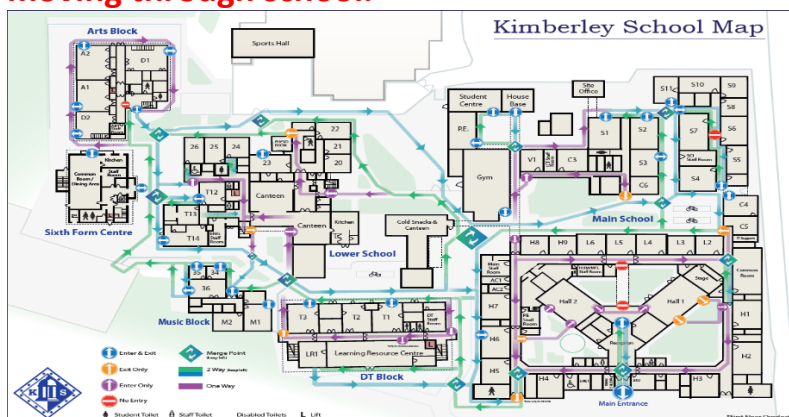
Please talk to Mrs Booth and Mrs Livings, as well as subject teachers about references, to discuss when you are hoping to get yours sent off.

We do have until 15th January as a final deadline, so if you haven't made a start you may like to discuss with Mrs Livings the option of sending after Christmas



The one way system: Please note the direction you must go around main school when wanting to leave school.....turn left on entry and keep going around.

Please, please be aware that lessons are going on all day around school- you must move quietly around when leaving and moving. Please wear a mask when moving through school.



Main school can be accessed via the main reception however it will only be possible to either enter reception or turn left on arrival:

- During the day students will only enter main school via the rear door (facing the gym) and will turn left to pass the language classrooms and then all the way around until H4 where they will have no choice but to exit by the doors adjacent to the boy's toilets.
- Access via the door adjacent to the boy's toilet is only permissible to students who have lessons in H4 and H5. Students should line up outside the toilets on the markers and will be collected by staff teaching in these areas.
- H6 and C5 classrooms use their own external entrances/exit doors

6th Form centre one way reminder

Sixth form

Students requiring access to lessons should enter the Sixth Form Centre via the main entrance and use the front staircase, keeping to the left within the corridors. Students should exit via the rear staircase to reduce congestion. Students requiring access to the common room should enter via the side door opposite the Art block. They should either leave by the rear exit to the garden or go through to the foyer and up the stairs to access lessons.

If you need to speak to a member of staff please use the window at the office or the office door from the common room observing the 2m rule and wearing a face mask if you want to talk to a



member of staff. **Face masks need to be worn in the foyer, stairs and corridors of the new centre**

A message for Year 12s about their photos on their lanyards which are their Year 11 uniform photos....

Would you like to update your photo on the school system?

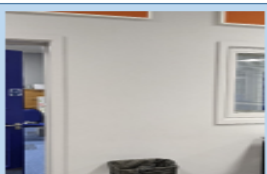
We know that some of you still have old Year 11 photos on there are, and now look different so we have asked to see what can be done about this. At the moment, it will just be updated on the system, not on lanyards.

Mr Draycott has kindly offered to update your school photo with one you email to him, if you follow the rules outlined here.

Email your photo to reprographics@kimberleyschool.co.uk from your school email address.

Take the photo against a plain white/very light grey background. The space of wall next to the common room office is a suitable place at school

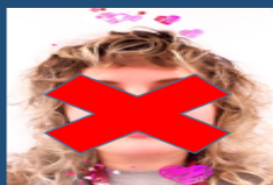
Try and stand around half a metre from the wall



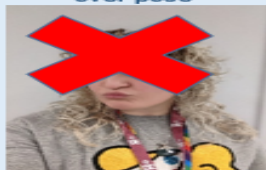
Make sure there isn't anything in the background, such as the window or another person



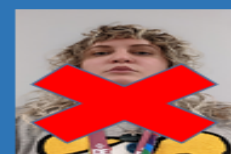
Please don't use any filters



Please don't pout or over-pose



Don't angle the camera up or down. Don't turn your body or head.



Plain background
Looking straight forwards at a level camera
Feel free to smile!



Joke Answer

Stick with me and we'll go places!

Financial help in the Sixth Form

Bursary : If you think you may qualify for a financial payment, please use the following link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h4JaFYDSiky-6glrnTAOBhbVGSkW34RlgrKjI0BYkC1UQkMzOUY4M1VKNIFWVIYzQU42N1IJSkg4Si4u>

If you have received free school meals in Year 11 or your parents have an NHS Exemption certificate you will certainly be entitled to a monthly payment from school to help you. Additionally, if your parents earn less than £20,000 you will be



entitled to help (If the household income is less than £25,000 you may also get some help. If you have received free school meals in the past you are entitled to them again, from the 6th Form canteen. Please talk to Mrs Booth if you are worried about this.

Careers Advice

We have the careers advisor in school for some extra sessions before Christmas on Wednesdays. If you would like an appointment please see Mrs Booth

Emails

Please keep checking your emails, this is a vital tool for helping us communicate important information to you. If you have any problems with your school email account, please go and see our ICT staff or mention it to Mrs Booth.

SMHW

You should all have login details for this, please see Mrs Booth if you have forgotten yours

Ready to Learn: Please prepare properly before your lessons. Subject staff will set work for forthcoming lesson. If you fail to do this you will not be ready to learn and your progress, given the amount of sheer content at A Level, will be seriously affected. Please be, '***Ready to Learn***'.

Hot drinks-please don't walk around with hot drinks unless they are in a covered top cup-all it takes is for you to be bumped in to and someone could get burnt.

Please do not take holidays in term time: Please do not book holidays during term time. Please talk to your parents about this. Year 12 break up for the summer on 23rd July next year so please ensure your parents know this.

Subject Support

Media Support



Miss O'Brien has offered additional support with Y13 in her classroom Weds B Period 1,

There will be reading materials, the computers and paper/printers etc. should you need them too.

Don't miss out on extra help!

Maths support in school: A very important message from Mr Jolly

Additional Mathematics Support Sessions

When?

Monday 14th December: Both Years - Problem Solving with RJ in LR1 15:15 - 16:00

What?

Monday sessions are additional revision lessons, where a whole topic is recapped, with a specific focus on how the key learning points are applied to exam style questions. As with any lesson, you are expected to make detailed notes and complete practice questions during these sessions.

Safety

Monday sessions are conducted in such a way that the same safety protocols for normal lessons can be applied.

Subject mentor sessions on the timetable for this week are as follows:

Wednesday: **PE and Geography**

Thursday: **RE**

Please make the most of these opportunities Year 12. Year 13s are putting a lot of thought in to the sessions and really want to help you.



Virtual Work Experience

Applications for the virtual **1-week Innovators Work Experience** in February 2021 half term are now open! A hands-on programme designed for Year 12 students to develop practical workplace skills, industry insight, and the opportunity to work on a real-life business project. More details below:

<https://careers.vodafone.co.uk/work-experience>

Virtual **#CodeLikeAGirl** launches in 2021, with applications opening in January 2021. This is 3-day coding workshop for Year 12 students, who will learn technical skills to build their own websites, using Html, CSS, GitHub and JQuery.

If you are interested please contact Gemma – details below

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Other opportunities...

Medicine and Dentistry Opportunities

Applications for the King's College London [Online Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series](#) are now open. The lecture series is **open to students from across the UK for the first time**.

Over the course of the lecture series students will hear from a variety of guest speakers from different areas of medicine and dentistry. Last year's lectures were given by GSTT clinicians and included topics such as Psychiatry, Trauma, and General Practice. They will also learn about the different elements of applying to medicine and dentistry including the UCAT, Personal Statements, and Interviews.

Lectures will be held online on Wednesday's at 6-7pm and will run in blocks of three throughout 2021.

The first three lectures will take place on 03 February, 10 February, and 17 February. The remaining nine lectures will take place in Spring, Summer and in the run up to applications in October.

For more information about eligibility criteria and to apply, [students should follow this link](#). The deadline to apply is **10:00 Monday 18 January**.

The Medicine and Dentistry Lecture Series is kindly sponsored by the Worshipful Company of Barbers.

NHS opportunities

Are you interested in the opportunity to have a live 20 minutes virtual Q&A session with an NHS member of staff from one of the following areas:



- Training, Education & Development
- Pharmacy
- Human Resources
- Finance
- Clinical Nurse Specialist Emergency Surgery

We can't do a practical live session with you but each member of staff will talk about their role and their career progression. Students can send in questions beforehand to be answered at the session.

Please see one of the sixth form team if you are interested

Future Doctors Week - Online

April 12th - April 16th 2021

Online Medical Work Experience and Application Masterclass Course.

Click on the link for more information

<https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/future-doctors-week-online>

Do you want a Healthy planet? What about this challenge

Sherwood Forest Hospitals provide outstanding healthcare in Mansfield, Ashfield, Newark, Sherwood and parts of Derbyshire and Lincolnshire. We work with 5,000 colleagues in our three hospitals – King's Mill, Newark and Mansfield Community. The National Health Service (NHS) is committed to taking action on climate change and improving public health along the way. The NHS has launched its own grassroots campaign 'For a Greener NHS' to encourage staff and hospitals to cut their impact on people's health and the environment.

The Trust's Climate Action Team is working for a greener NHS and are reviewing the health implications of climate change.

Brief

This project is for junior and secondary school students. We would like students to run a campaign or create a project to raise awareness of how healthy people can help towards a healthy planet. This could include, but is not limited to, the following areas:

- Air quality
- Alcohol & drugs
- Diet
- Exercise
- Mental health



- Recycling
- Sexual health
- Smoking
- Tree planting.

Following the campaign/project students are asked to create a short PowerPoint presentation to explain what their objectives were and how they met these objectives and submit their entry into a competition.

Deadline for submission of entries:

31/03/21. The entries will be shortlisted by the Climate Action Team and the winning team will receive a prize.

Email entries to:

sfh-tr.nottsworkeexperiencehub@nhs.net

Please see below an amazing set of ‘virtual opportunities’ where you can find out about a possible future career pathway/course.

The Young Artist
Programme



- Master your medium
- Brand your talent
- Pitch to experts
- Curate an exhibition



23rd - 24th January 2021

The Young International Development Expert Programme



- Execute a humanitarian project
- Pitch sustainable strategies
- Advocate climate commitments
- Complete post-disaster evaluations

 30th - 31st January 2021

And a great set of 'Educational opportunities': Please see below a set of free lectures

Gresham College's free public lectures (running since 1597).

Our lectures are delivered by world-class experts in fields ranging across the arts and sciences. For teachers, they are highly relevant to the school and post-16 curriculum. For students they are a resource for careers advice, EPQ projects and UCAS statements. They are currently held online, and we have a searchable back catalogue of 2,500 free digital lectures on our website (ordered by school subject at www.gresham.ac.uk/schools).

2020-21 LECTURES:



ASTRONOMY

A series called [Cosmic Vision](#) by Astronomy Professor Katherine Blundell, and another by Visiting Professor Roberto Trotta, [The Unexpected Universe](#).

BUSINESS / ECONOMICS

A series on [The Psychology of Finance](#) by Business Professor Alex Edmans; a series on [Intergenerational Justice](#) by Visiting Professor Martin Daunton.

CLASSICS

A three part series on [Great Thinkers](#) by Visiting Professor Edith Hall.

ENGLISH

The [Powers of the Novel](#) by Visiting Professor John Mullan, a one-off lecture on [Offensive Shakespeare](#), a series on 'classic' film, [Exploding the Film Canon](#) by Visiting Professor Ian Christie.

GEOGRAPHY

Two short series about the environment, [Our Connected World](#), and [How to Build a Just and Prosperous Planet](#), by Professor Jacqueline McGlade.

HISTORY

A fascinating series on [Evil Women](#) in history by Professor Joanna Bourke; a series on [England's Reformations](#) by Professor Alec Ryrie; a [Black History Month](#) series; a series about [Darwin](#) and his impact by Visiting Professor Jim Endersby and lots of [one-off lectures](#).

IT

[Great Ideas From Computer Science](#) by Professor Richard Harvey, which includes algorithms, data, programs and networks; a lecture on [AI and Humour](#) by Visiting Professor Yorick Wilks.

LAW / POLITICS / CITIZENSHIP

[Death, the State and Human Rights](#) by Professor Leslie Thomas QC will discuss police restraint and inquests into deaths in custody (Black Lives Matter); [The Politics of the Courtroom](#) by Visiting Professor Thomas Grant will weigh the balance between politicians and the courts.

MATHEMATICS

Gresham Professor Sarah Hart will look at [Mathematics in Music and Writing](#), Professor Kevin Buzzard will ask [Will Computers Outsmart Mathematicians](#), Dr Kit Yates discusses [The Maths of Life and Death](#).



MEDICINE

[Major Debates in Public Health](#) by the Chief Medical Officer for England Professor Chris Whitty, and [Performing Medicine](#) by Visiting Professor Roger Kneebone includes a lecture on knife crime.

MUSIC

[Russian Piano Masterpieces](#) by Music Professor Marina Frolova-Walker; [100 years of BBC Radio](#) by Visiting Professor Jeremy Summerly; Dr Xenia Pestova-Bennett will look at [Toy and Cyborg Pianos](#).

News Item of the Week : *Brexit trade talks continue....*

Brexit trade talks: UK and EU to 'go the extra mile' in effort to agree deal

The UK and EU have agreed to carry on post-Brexit trade talks after a call between leaders earlier on Sunday.

In a joint statement, Boris Johnson and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said it was "responsible at this point to go the extra mile".

The pair discussed "major unresolved topics" during their call.

The two sides had said Sunday was the deadline for a decision on whether to continue with talks, with the UK set to leave EU rules at the end of the month.

The leaders agreed to tell negotiators to carry on talks in Brussels "to see whether an agreement can even at this late stage be reached".

They did not say how long these latest talks would continue, but the ultimate deadline is 31 December, and time must be allowed for the UK and European Parliaments to vote on any deal that emerges before then.

Mrs von der Leyen said Sunday's call with Mr Johnson had been "constructive and useful".

The UK and EU have been carrying out negotiations for a post-Brexit trade deal since March and are attempting to secure one before the so-called transition period end on 31 December - when the two sides would move to trading on World Trade Organization (WTO) rules.



Without a trade deal, tariffs - charges on goods being bought and sold between the two sides - could be introduced and, in turn, prices on certain products may go up.

Reading out the joint statement, Mrs von der Leyen said: "Despite the exhaustion after almost a year of negotiations, despite the fact that deadlines have been missed over and over, we think it is responsible at this point to go the extra mile."

Mr Johnson later said "where there is life, there is hope", and that the UK "certainly won't be walking away from the talks".

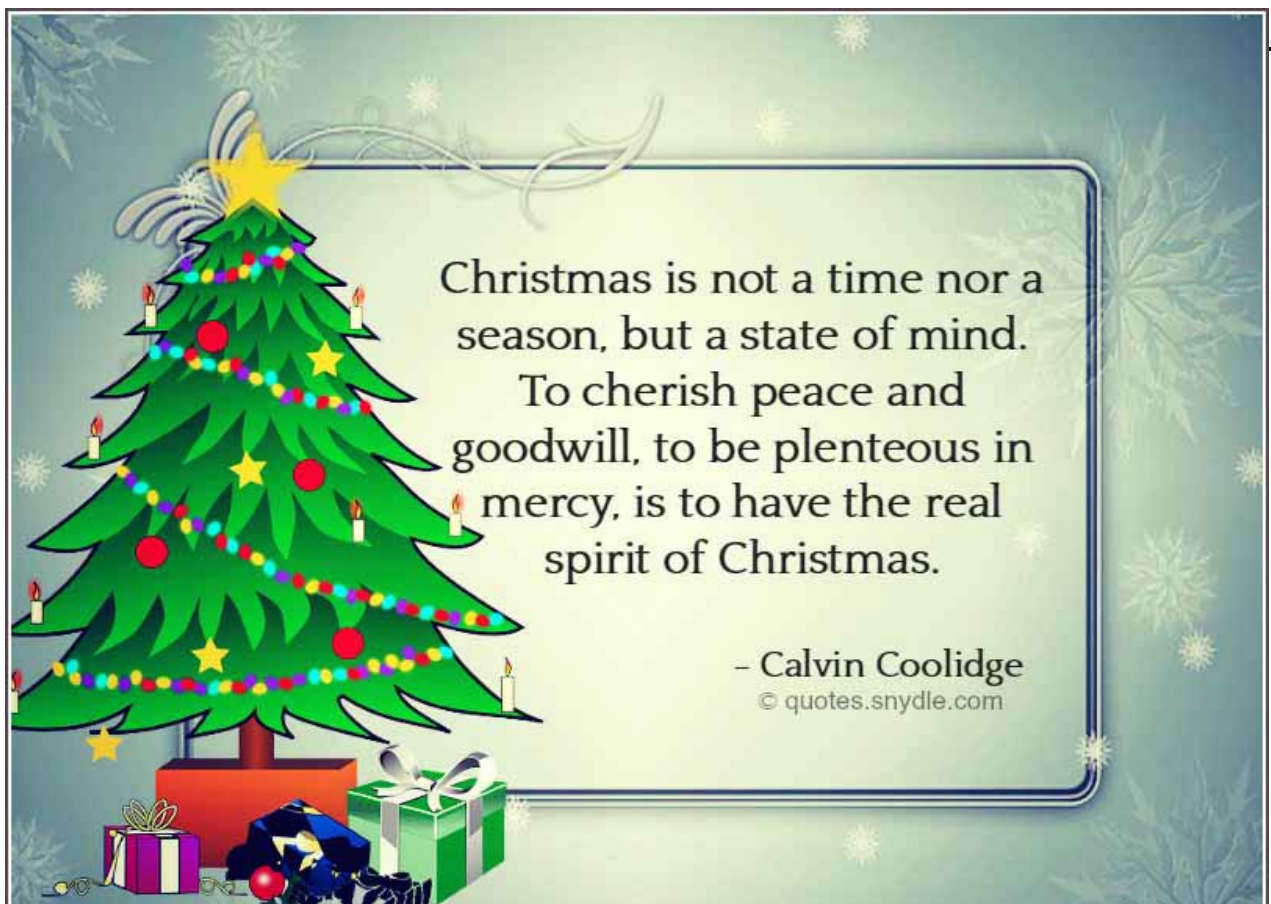
But he added,

"As far as I can see, there are some serious and very difficult issues that currently separate the UK from EU and the best thing to do now for everybody..."

Labour's Rachel Reeves welcomed the continuation of the talks and said the worst outcome would be to "crash out with no deal whatsoever on 1 January".

She added: "I hope that they [the talks] will swiftly conclude, but I also hope on behalf of all British businesses and workers, and our security as well, that the government deliver the promise they made to the British people and come back with a deal."

Quotes of the week



May the
spirit of Christmas
bring you **peace**
the
gladness of Christmas
give you **hope**
and the
warmth of Christmas
grant you **love.**

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