

## STUDY LINKS TOP CHRISTMAS TIPS

Study Links would like to take this opportunity to wish all its students and partners a very merry Christmas! Although many students are travelling home to be with family we also have a good number of students spending the holidays with their homestay families and experiencing a traditional UK Christmas. As this may be some students' first Christmas in the UK, below are some tips on how to enjoy this fantastic holiday.

Firstly it is important to remember Christmas is a family holiday traditionally celebrating the birth of Jesus. Our past students who have had the best time at Christmas have all said that making an effort to chat, laugh, sing Christmas songs and play festive games during family reunions have led to them to experiencing the richness and fun of this great holiday.

Of course no Christmas would be complete without a delicious meal to enjoy with friends and/or family. A traditional Christmas meal usually consists of Turkey, gravy, roast potatoes, carrots, bruseel sprouts, stuffing and pigs in blankets (sausages wrapped in bacon!). Dessert is often a rich fruit Christmas cake which can be lit on fire by burning brandy!

We advise all students to leave a lot of room for your Christmas dinner as it is a big meal that can sometimes go on for hours. Finally Students should be aware that most shops and other facilities will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

### STUDY LINKS' ELECTRONIC CHRISTMAS CARD

Every year Study Links send electronic Christmas cards such as the one pictured to the right, instead of cards through the post. This helps the environment, and saves hundreds of pounds too.

All the money saved is donated to a charity close to the heart of Study Links: O Fund - founded by our Study Links alumnus, Tony Luo.

O Fund aims to increase awareness among international students around the world, and to bridge the gap between elite students and the under-privileged young generation in rural areas of China.

If you would like to find out more about O Fund please visit [www.ofund.org.cn](http://www.ofund.org.cn)

### 2017 - A GREAT YEAR!

2017 has been a great year for all of us at Study Links, we have met some truly remarkable students from across the world and worked with many world class teaching institutions and agencies, We would like to thank you all for all your hard work and look forward to more great times and incredible achievements in 2018.

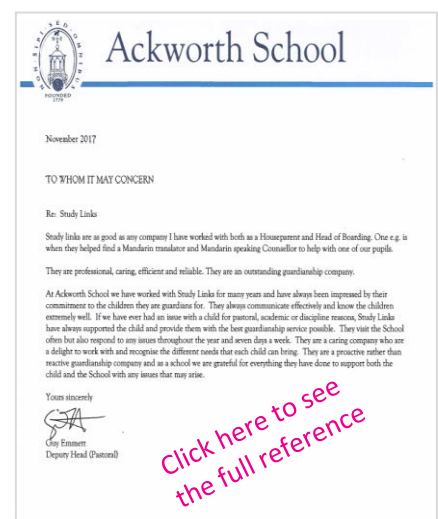


### ACKWORTH SCHOOL REFERENCE

Study Links were very happy to finish 2017 with an incredible reference from Ackworth School.

Describing Study Links as an outstanding guardianship company, Ackworth School also highlighted our proactive approach, and our clear and strong commitment to the children we supply guardianship for.

Like many other schools, we have worked with Ackworth School for many years and we look forward to a continuing and successful partnership going into the future.



### STUDY LINKS STAR STUDENT - DECEMBER

The last of 2017's Study Links Star Students is Stella Samm. We have chosen Stella as Star Student due to her excellent work at school in 2017 and for the great effort she has made to writing her own personal blog as well as modelling. Study Links are always truly impressed by students who go the extra mile - and this is the case especially concerning Stella. Well done Stella and have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

