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MARK RUTHERFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following a recent appointment of Mr Boyden, our new Kitchen Manager, we are in the process of improving and expanding our catering provision in school.

Attached is a copy of our menu, this is on a 3-week rolling schedule that will change with the season, the dates for each week can be seen in red. We are in the process of developing the menu to produce daily, freshly cooked meals, using local suppliers as much as possible. The current price for a hot meal is £2.30 or £2.70 with a dessert. There will still be an opportunity to purchase cold options such as salads, sandwiches, rolls and cold pasta pots and items from the hotplate and jacket potato serving hatches.

Breakfast opening times

One of the changes that we are introducing immediately is the re-opening of the canteen for breakfast. From Monday 4th March the canteen will be open from 7.45am to 8.15am. The main pedestrian gate will be open for this and students can then continue over the crossing and enter through the front entrance that runs alongside the canteen. There will continue to be no access to others parts of the site until 8.15am. Attached is the breakfast menu along with prices.

Free school meals students are entitled toast, fruit or yoghurt if they wish for breakfast. This is on top for their usual allocation for lunch. Other items will be charged at the usual rate.

Biometrics system

The finance team are currently investigating a new system for pre-payment of meals and this system will also allow parents/carers to view the food purchased on a daily basis. This system will also interface with ParentPay. This will be rolled-out for September so more details, along with permission slips will follow soon.

Student panel

We will also be setting up a student panel to work alongside the catering team to discuss ideas and suggestions on other improvements that can be made. One of the suggestions has been to open up the canteen during the day for our sixth formers so this is something that we can implement very soon.

We hope that our students will enjoy and take advantage of the expansion of our catering provision.

Yours faithfully,

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