

Our Ref: RBR/JBA/FSC

Friday 19th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Changes to lunchtime arrangements

As we approach the end of a very busy and productive first half term, I am writing to inform you of some changes we are making to our lunchtime arrangements.

During the summer break, work has been carried out within the school to expand space available to our students during breaks and lunchtimes. Students now have the choice of two dining areas, which have been named by our Student Council as 'Noms' and 'Grub Hub'. Noms caters for students who prefer hot meals and the Grub Hub caters for students who prefer convenience food, such as sandwiches, pasta pots and paninis. Additionally, after the half term break, our dining facilities will be further enhanced by an outdoor kiosk, which will serve a range of hot and cold foods. Extending the amount of dining space has provided an opportunity to reduce the number of lunch sittings from three to two.

Currently, Year 7 students have their own lunch period, which requires splitting their Period 4 lesson into two 30 minute sessions. Providing Year 7 students with their own lunch sitting is a valued part of their transition from primary school to secondary school, as this allows them to settle into the lunchtime arrangements and become familiar with the dining areas and the food on offer. Now that they have familiarised themselves with this, we feel it is the right time for Year 7 students to share their lunchtime with other year groups in a similar way they do at break time. This will also minimise disruption to Year 7 Period 4, allowing one 60-minute lesson.

From Wednesday 31st October, the following lunch arrangements will commence:

12.10pm to 12.40pm: Year 7, Year 8 (F Band) and Year 10
1.10pm to 1.40pm: Year 8 (X and Y Bands), Year 9 and Year 11

It is important to ensure that the numbers of students being catered for in each sitting are balanced; therefore, we have taken the decision to split Year 8 students based on the timetabling band they have been placed into. This will provide some consistency for Year 8 students, as they will share their lunch with the same students they share their lessons with.

Please also be aware that we provide additional dining space to identified students, who prefer a quiet and less busy environment for their lunch. These students will require an LRC pass, which can be discussed with your child's Learning Manager or a member of the SEND team.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Parents of Year 7 students are advised to direct any queries to their child's Form Tutor during the Tutor evening on Monday 29th October 2018.

Yours faithfully



Mr Richard Briggs
Head Teacher