

Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you once again for all your support of partial Academy closures this week. There are no more planned strikes. Now hopefully both sides will agree to come to the table and resolve the very real issue of inadequate funding for our schools and your children's education. Y11 were very responsive to the additional mock exam put on as well as the chance to spend additional time on some of their Non Exam Assessment. A number of Y11 are off on a Revision weekend today - a chance to pack in some intensive revision and get exam ready!

#### **Parent survey**

Please do take the time to complete [this](#) parent survey. Your feedback is really helpful.

#### **Year 13 Mocks completed & Y10 Progress Evening**

Congratulations to all our hard working Y13 students. We know that this year group have had to overcome the challenge of not sitting public examinations back in Year 1. However we are confident their perseverance and efforts will be worth it and many thanks for meeting with your child's teachers earlier this week.

#### **Congratulations!**

Well done to our Jack Petchey Foundation winners, who received their medals at Kensington Town Hall a few weeks ago. Students are nominated for their contribution to school life, academic achievement and demonstrating excellent leadership qualities.

#### **Students wearing face masks**

Please be aware of the Academy's current position on the wearing of face masks by students:

- Students should no longer need to wear a face mask
- Parents must email HOY if they wish their child to continue wearing a mask, and there should be a justifiable medical reason given/ agreed by HOY
- if parental permission is provided, the mask worn must be plain one
- Permitted students who repeatedly wear their mask incorrectly will not be allowed to wear it at all, since the way they are wearing it negates the 'medical reason' for wearing a face covering

#### **Cucina Parent/ Carer letter**

Cucina (our caterers) write:

'our aim as a school food provider is to deliver great food at affordable prices for our students and parents. The cost-of-living crisis continues which we are all experiencing in our own lives, with prices in supermarkets and other daily costs rising almost weekly. This has in turn impacted the prices we pay for food. Please find attached a letter outlining the changes in the food tariff and the new pricing'.

I hope the weekend ahead is a lovely one. Two more weeks of term left and as ever lots to pack in!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mariella Ardron". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mariella Ardron  
Principal

Dear Parent / Guardian

Our aim as a school food provider is to deliver great food at affordable prices for our students and parents. The cost-of-living crisis continues which we are all experiencing in our own lives, with prices in supermarkets and other daily costs rising almost weekly. This has in turn impacted the prices we pay for food and the wages we pay our teams. I wanted to write to you to let you know what we are doing to try to limit the impact on students and parents.

There are two issues which the food industry is needing to deal with:

1. Food inflation at 16%
2. Staff wage increases 9.7%

### **Food inflation**

This is predominantly driven by the war in Ukraine, which is not only a terrible humanitarian crisis, but has also significantly damaged economies across the globe and has had a real impact on food availability. The food supply volumes have dropped and driven prices up. The latest food inflation figures reported, show a 16% increase in the cost of the food we buy.

### **Staff wage increases**

The Government has increased the minimum wage by 9.7%. This is a positive move that will mean our teams are better able to address the cost pressures they are under. This is more than 3% higher than last year's record rise, so great progress but clearly creates its own challenge from a funding perspective.

To address these cost increases we must raise the prices we charge in our school canteens. We have looked at all options to minimize the increases such as changes to suppliers and adding some new product lines. But we must not allow these pressures to impact the quality of the food, nor the portion sizes we provide. We have also absorbed some of the cost increases, however we will be implementing a tariff increase of **5% from April 2023**. Whilst this is never going to be good news, we hope you will agree that it is a significantly lower than the headline figures above.

As always, we will continue to encourage open and honest dialogue with clients, students and parental groups to ensure we have a joined-up approach during this challenging period. We have a difficult twelve to eighteen months to navigate through, but I personally give you my commitment to continue to serve food of the highest quality, that represents good value for our students, parents, and schools.

Kindest regards

**Ken Navin**

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# TARIFF APRIL 2023

DRINKS		PRICE	
Hot Drinks	12oz Hot Chocolate/Latte/Cappuccino	£1.85	
	Small Hot Chocolate	£1.00	
	12oz Americano	£1.40	
	12oz Tea	£1.10	
	12oz Herbal Tea	£1.20	
Cold Drinks	Bottled Water	From £0.80	
	Juice Cans	£1.30	
	Capri Sun	£1.20	
	125ml/200ml Juice Cartons	£0.80 / £1.05	
	Icy Zero Fruit Slush – Sml / Lrg	£0.90 / £1.35	
	Flavoured Milk	£1.10	
BREAKFAST		PRICE	
	Bacon / Sausage Bap	£1.90	
	Toast	£0.35	
	Pancakes / Croissant / Pain Au Chocolat	£1.45	
	Cereals	£1.05	
	Student Porridge	Free	
	Staff Porridge (free to staff when purchasing a hot drink)	£1.05	
	Extra Toppings	£0.35	
DELI		PRICE	
Cold Classics	Yoghurt / Jelly – Small / Large	£0.85 / £1.25	
	Fruit Pots – Small / Large	£0.80 / £1.10	
	Whole Fresh Fruit	£0.50	
	Cakestand	From £0.80	
	Cookie	From £0.80	
Cold Premium	Filled Roll	£1.45	
	Sub Deli Roll	£1.90	
	Bloomer Sandwiches	£2.05	
	Baguettes	From £1.40	
	Wraps	From £2.55	
	Cold Pasta	From £1.30	
	Salad Boxes	£2.55	
	Salad Pot	From £1.75	
	Mezze Bag / Edamame Beans	£1.85	
	Sushi / Mezze Box Naturally (V / Ve)	From £1.60	
	Pizza Slice	£1.45	
	Hot Deli	Hot Handheld	From £1.95
		Panini Half / Whole	From £1.40
Street Vibes		From £2.10	
RESTAURANT		PRICE	
Homemade Soup	Including Fresh Bread	£1.80	
Daily Main Course (Meat or Fish / V / Ve)	Including Accompaniments	£2.50	
Hot Pasta Pots	Small	£1.60	
	Regular	£2.10	
Puddings	Hot Puds	£1.45	
	Cold Puds	£1.45	

**VAT ON HOT FOOD AND BEVERAGES WILL BE CHARGED AT THE CURRENT RATE FOR ALL STAFF MEMBERS**