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Very good term so far.

No virtual HOY 7 forum this week, this is being followed up. HOY Forum times cannot be changed as they are set around teaching timetables but can be looked at.

MUGA has been resurfaced into a 2G pitch and is currently being used by Years 9, 10 & 11. The rest of school use this during their PE lessons, students are very excited.

Split lunch continues with grab and go as an additional option. 600/800 fed every day. Vegan lunch options are available. Special provision for options to be set aside can be available. A vegetarian option is also available. Our most popular item is chicken!

Last night was the school Winter Concert it was outstanding and it was good that some parents were able to attend.

Following our review of our risk assessment we will be starting our in person assemblies again from next week. Face mask wearing is however encouraged in communal areas.

Students recently had an assembly on peer to peer sexual abuse conducted by Mr Hall and Mr O'Donoghue with the boys and Ms Brant and Ms Benning conduct it with the girls. This is in response to an Ofsted Report on peer to peer sexual abuse (public document available to view online). It states that there should be no barriers to reporting incidences so the school is merely addressing this and ensuring that there are no barriers at Cardinal Pole. Follow up work on this will be carried out in PHSE lessons. Students were permitted to submit any questions anonymously in writing for those who do not wish to speak out at the time. These will all be followed up and answered.

Music club after school on Fridays. Students are usually on keyboards with headphones, all sessions are different, more independent learning. We have a recording studio, access to the practice rooms as well. This club will be reviewed.

Lunch – Year 8 last week had no hot options available, this was a one-off issue. There was an issue with one of the shutters failing which will be resolved by Monday. There is normally a large number of hot options for students as well as plate food including bagels/wraps etc. We will alternate the year groups going forward.

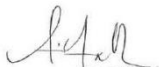
For vegans, we keep aside a vegan sandwich option for specific children. We can increase numbers, this option can be asked for at the counter. Mr Hall will continue to monitor.

Recent Year 10 & Year 11 behaviour: Two fights took place in school, it is unfortunate that the usual high standards were not met. One involved girls in a changing room (following a social media incident), this was dealt with and strict sanctions put in place. The girls involved will not be in PE for a fixed amount of time. The other was a play fight between Year 10 & 11 boys and they are now on report and they have been sanctioned and the Year 11s are not being invited to Year 11 Prom. Every secondary school has a small number incidents, Cardinal Pole's are few and far between but it is still acknowledged as not acceptable. Raw data suggests we have a downward trend of incidents in school. We have a very positive school culture on the whole. Statements have been taken and expectations made clear, we are disappointed with what happened yesterday.

PE changing rooms: One member of staff are in the room whilst the changing occurs, female and male staff as appropriate, and this usual practice across schools. If there are any behaviour issues then there is silent changing insisted upon. A review of practice is in place.

Approx. 500 students are involved more extra-curricular clubs which is outstanding, as well as attending our breakfast club.

Daughter in Year 7 is interested in keyboard lessons, please ask your daughter to speak to Ms Singleton, Head of Music.



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