

PARENT FORUM 22 04 22

Welcome to all this morning! The first forum of this summer term.

Majority of school returned yesterday. Highlights from last term were as follows:-

New catering arrangements with Chartwells in place this week, some tweaks to be made to the menus which have been sent to parents. A 5p increase on the daily meal (£2.25) which includes a dessert and a Radnor drink which before was at an additional cost. In the long term, as soon as the machines are ready, there will half a litre of flavoured water offered using a token which can be used at any time. Multiple machines will be available in the canteen. The School Council have driven this and it is what they want going forward. Parents on the Forum are invited to come in and try the food. Please email enquiries@cardinalpole.co.uk if you would like to take up Mr Hall's offer.

Parent: Feedback was good from my child. Will water fountains be available if students are unable to purchase drinks? Water fountains will be reintroduced going forward these were removed due to Covid but for clarity with the flavoured water, a token is included in the meal deal but additional tokens can be purchased.

All parent/student comments have been fed back to the new Catering team. New queueing system, where students go outside and are then brought in to line up. Lunches held during break was rushed. Not long enough. Lunchtime is better.

Morning lunch serving is 25 minutes and lunchtime serving is 35 minutes. Year 10 & 11 are welcome to eat at lunchtime if they wish rather than break. The speed of service will improve but with the increased menu choice and a new way of working for staff and students, things are a little slow at present.

Parent: Year 8 went to Sayers croft residential – will other year groups be having trips? Yes, we are looking at other trips for other year groups. Looking at various options, we would like to get Year 10 out over the summer term, possibly Brighton Pavilion and the beach and a visit to Canterbury Cathedral which we used to provide before Covid for students to see the final resting place of Cardinal Pole. My child is going to make suggestions and pass to Head of Year. The school has also been looking at youth hostels and various options for residentials but this is a bigger cost and has more logistical issues.

Still awaiting for our Ofsted report, as soon as it is published it will be sent to parents.

Over the Easter holidays, a lot of interventions took place for Years 11 & 13. Only 3-4 weeks before exams commence. Interventions are taking place on Saturdays, in the mornings before school and after school.

Recent Events to Celebrate:

Caritas charity project took place during Easter also which was in conjunction with the Police learning bike maintenance and they were given a bike to keep at the end of the project.

Avalon Project supporting select Year 10 boys their efforts should be praised.

Basketball girls won a recent game. Well done!

Extra-curricular Maths challenge starts next week.

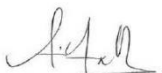
Book review competitions took place recently.

Headteacher's reward to student who was completing charity work in the community.

Parent: Thanks for the good work you are doing with Year 11 revision and interventions.

I will be taking over as substantive Headteacher from September 2022.

Next meeting we will have more to share.



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