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Positive start to the year, small number of Covid cases in school. Cases are declining across London. No more testing in schools, moved to home testing. LA recommending vaccination for the best protection.

Changes to school day, students were eating outside on rotational basis, this no longer happens, everyone has a warm meal inside seated. This has now been expanded to a grab and go service for sandwiches as an additional choice. The Sports Hall has been opened up for older students whilst the MUGA is being converted to a 2G surface, we are hopeful this will be completed very shortly. Plenty of areas are available inside for students to sit.

Year 8 Options Marketplace followed by Year 8 Parents' Evening takes place next Thursday 27th.

Follow us on Instagram and Twitter for information on different events and what is going on in school.

Next week: Students will receive an assembly in addition to their normal assembly, which will be on peer to peer sexual abuse. To help ensure that barriers are removed to reporting these kinds of issues.

Year 7 visitors in school this week: Franciscan Friars from Canning Town who work with the poor. They celebrated Mass with the students and they also had the opportunity to play basketball with one of the Friars.

Berger Primary school visited us this week. We continue to work with our feeder primary schools. There is a decline in places across Hackney. Secondary schools will be effected over time but Cardinal Pole remains a popular choice for families. Thank you for supporting us and our school.

Emails being sent out regarding vaccinations, are not Covid related, they relate to the regular Flu vaccine and Meningitis/Polio vaccinations. Please sign up.

Some students reporting that they have having no lunch because the queue is too long. No reports are being made in school, our lunch service happens very quickly. There is a pre-plated food offer plus a huge variety of choice for grab and go items such as sandwiches and Paninis etc. We have two lunch servings, one for Year 10 & 11 in the morning and then the rest of school at the second slot at lunchtime. Sixth Form students get to choose which slot to attend. We feed 700 students in approx. 45 minutes. 200 grab and go and the others have the plated options. We have also opened up the main hall this week for a sandwich option, there are queues but they move quickly. Sometimes boys choose between playing football and eating food. Please note: As a Catholic School on Fridays there is no meat option only Fish is on offer and a vegetarian option.

Mr Hall is on playground and canteen duty every day, please ask your child to come and speak to him about any issues/concerns relating to lunches.



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