



## Parent Bulletin Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy week with mock exams for Year 11 students and they continue next week as well. We are really pleased with how they are approaching them and staff are now working hard to start marking the papers. Year 13 mocks are fast approaching so if you have a child in Year 13 please ensure they are preparing well.

Next week school is **closed on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** to all students and work will not be set online. This is a single staff training day and we reopen as usual on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

### School Meals

After careful consideration, we will be increasing the cost of school meals from February 2023. We have not taken this decision lightly and appreciate the impact this will have on already stretched family finances. The school is facing significant price rises in both food production and delivery costs which the school and wider Academy Trust can no longer continue to absorb entirely. The price rise we are planning is the lowest possible and the school will continue to subsidise the cost of meals.

The price increase for students at Slough and Eton School will be 30p per meal, making the new total cost £2.60 per meal, which includes a main meal option and dessert. A main meal only will be £1.90 (no dessert). This increase will take effect from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023, following the half term break.

To help ensure all students are able to access a school meal option, the catering teams will continue to offer a wide range of lunches for students; these include a hot meal, either meat or vegetarian, a pasta dish or a jacket potato with a choice of fillings. There are also grab and go options which include filled baguettes, wraps or pizzas as well as a range of desserts, all of which are available daily.

Our catering team can cater for a wide range of dietary needs, if your child has any allergy requirements please contact the school office.

There is financial support available that you may be entitled to. Your child may be able to have free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income support;
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190);
- Working Tax Credit run-on - this is paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit;
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

If you are eligible for free meals, please contact the school for a form which must be completed as soon as possible. Free school meals cannot be provided until the school has received the form and has been verified by the council.



If you have any difficulty making a payment of school meals, please contact the school office as soon as possible and speak to Reception. All queries and requests for support will be treated confidentially and we will work with you to ensure a solution is found.

I appreciate your ongoing support and understanding.

Have a good weekend.

### News and Information

#### **DONATIONS FOR THE SLOUGH FOOD BANK (HOUSE CHAMPIONS)**

This Christmas, Slough and Eton will be collecting for the Slough Food Bank.

The Slough Food Bank has provided us with a list they would like to have as donation.

House Leaders from your Year group will be coming around to collect every day during Form time.

#### **SHOPPING LIST**

- **TINNED SOUP**
- **LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE**
- **TINNED MEAT**
- **SPONGE PUDDINGS**
- **TINNED VEGETABLES (NOT SWEETCORN)**
- **TINNED FRUIT**
- **INSTANT MASH**
- **COFFEE - SMALL JARS**
- **JAM**
- **DEODORANT**
- **WASHING CAPSULES**
- **DISPOSABLE RAZORS**
- **WASHING UP LIQUID**
- **TOOTHPASTE**
- **SHAMPOO/SOAP/SHOWER GEL**

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Please could you shop for a few more items when you do the weekly shopping. Please donate generously.

This week's **Collective Worship** reflection is:

*"Dear Lord,*

*Help us to understand there is a lot to be said for choosing to see beyond the circumstances of the moment to look towards a higher set of ideas or hope in the future. Just like Daniel did himself in the Lions' den.*

*Amen."*

*‘I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness (John 10:10)*