



## Parent Bulletin Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We had a wonderful Prizegiving event on Wednesday evening and it was a delight to celebrate the hard work of so many students. Thank you to all who attended. We also held a successful Big Bash and Police talk on e-Scooters on Monday, Year 10 Geography Trip yesterday and Year 12 work experience all week. Today Year 12 parents received their grade cards too.

Next week is the last week of the school year - unbelievably! We will publish a Slough and Eton Review before we break up and have our annual Enrichment Day on Tuesday which is a non-uniform day for everyone. We have end of term celebratory House Assemblies across the week and break up around 12pm on Friday for the summer break.

### Year 9 Update

Parents of Year 9 students will know that Mr Bhatti, Head of Year 9, is leaving us in the summer, as is Mr Richards, Deputy Head of Year 9. I am delighted to tell parents that Miss Rai will be assuming the role of Head of Year 10 next year with Mrs Gierlick the Deputy Head of Year. Mrs Dessai, our KS4 Director of Learning will also be working closely with the year group. I will share contact details for Miss Rai in full in September.

I will write again for the last time this school year next week. Have a great weekend.

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Peter Collins  
Headteacher

## News and Information

### School Meals – Mr Moody (Catering Manager)

After careful consideration, we will be increasing the cost of school meals from September 2024. 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 will be 20p per meal, making the new total cost £2.80 per meal, which includes a main meal option and dessert. A main meal only will be £2.10 (no dessert). This increase will take effect from Wednesday 4th September, following the summer break.

To help ensure all students are able to access a school meal option, the catering team 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, paninis, wraps

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



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.

Jack Moody Catering Manager (SEBMAT)

### **Keeping Children Safe Online – Mrs Goodyear**

The school is committed to helping you to keep your child safe online and we issue weekly guidance on key aspects of online safety. This week's advice is about **the sharing of intimate images**. You can find this and previous advice on our website, plus a livestream blog about e-safety produced by Safeguarding Essentials: <https://www.slougheton.com/about/safeguarding>

### **Lost Property – Reminder**

If your son/daughter has lost any items in the school of uniform, PE kit, bags etc., please ask them to check in the Lost Property Office in the Student Reception. Items will be disposed of on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July**.

## Collective Worship

Week 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July:

### Rest & Play

The summer holiday is before us. We will each spend the time in different ways. Wherever we may be, it is a time when we can rest and refocus ourselves. Our quotes this final week of the year invite us to see how we can enjoy rest and recreation to renew us.

- *Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. (Genesis 2:1-2)*
- *Truly, in the remembrance of God do hearts find rest. (Ar-Ra'd Q 13:28)*
- *Embrace the present moment, for it is in this moment that true joy and peace can be found. (Guru Granth Sahib)*

*Life in all its fullness – John 10:1-10*

### Reflection

*O God,  
you are the giver of life.  
Grant us refreshment  
and renew us  
in body, mind and spirit  
in the weeks ahead.  
In work, rest and play  
may we know your presence  
and your peace in our hearts  
for your love's sake. Amen.*

Rest & Play: 15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	
Monday	" Every now and then go away, have a little relaxation, for when you come back to your work your judgment will be surer." -- Leonardo da Vinci
Tuesday	"Sometimes the most important thing in a whole day is the rest we take between two deep breaths, or the turning inwards in prayer for five short minutes." -- Etty Hillesum

Wednesday	" What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare." -- W. H. Davies
Thursday	"The true object of all human life is play. Earth is a task garden; heaven is a playground." -- G.K. Chesterton
Friday	" Without this playing with fantasy no creative work has ever yet come to birth. The debt we owe to the play of the imagination is incalculable. " -- Carl Jung