

27 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to the School Day

From Monday 30 September we will not be opening the entrance for students at break and lunch time. Unfortunately, by doing this we believe we are unintentionally encouraging a culture of vaping and of course this is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 in the UK.

Therefore, we have made improvements to our site and all students will have the opportunity to eat in our new canteen area or sit in a heated outdoor space at break time. At lunch time, having eaten a hot meal, students will have the opportunity to partake in a range of activities, supervised by staff, including a gaming station, use of our gym area, hair and beauty activities in our salon and table tennis or basketball in our courtyard. Of course, if they would prefer, use of our communal areas will still be available.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers that smoking/vaping on school premises will result in a suspension and support is regularly offered to any student who believes they need external help in stopping vaping through our school nursing team.

All students will therefore be expected to hand in their mobile phones and any prohibited items (including vapes) when they enter the school premises. We will of course let you know if we have any concerns with your child doing this.

We are sure you will agree that this structured time will be beneficial to our students and thank you for your continued support with your child's education.



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