

# Court Fields School

## Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



### Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 14th January 2022

We've had a busy week this week including some formal exams for Year 11 with Cambridge Nationals in Health & Social Care and Creative iMedia on Monday, and Year 10 sitting their BTEC Music on Thursday. As was the case with the Year 11 PPEs before Christmas, the students were impeccably behaved, and we wish them all the best for their results. Next week the Year 11 Food students start the first of their exam practicals (the real thing) with their technical assessment, and again, we wish them well. I know they will prepare this weekend to do any final preparation for their dishes.



We were also thrilled to present our Year 11 Prefects with their Prefect ties, including a short tutorial on how to tie a 'proper tie'! They look absolutely super in their ties and Prefect hoodies, and we look forward to seeing them undertake more of their duties over the coming months, including working with SLT, Faculties and Years 7 and 8, as well as linking with primary schools, the Learning Support team, supporting reading and recycling and much more. They are a credit to the school and great role models for our Year 10s (who will be applying for Prefect status in April), and the younger students. As always, thank you for your support. Have a lovely weekend. Best wishes, Mrs Matthews

### School Catering Information and Update

The school previously served food from only the Dining Hall but two other temporary points have been set up in other areas of the school. This was necessary due to Covid but there were many elements to consider; how and what food could be offered, transferred, and kept warm and how to staff the additional catering points. There was significant planning and investment for this and many practical challenges to overcome.

Feedback is the best tool for improvement and we have already responded by increasing the range of food available and the amount going out to each service point, which has already seen a positive impact in this first week back. This has also increased food waste but we are continually trying to improve how this is managed.

Each day we provide a range of food options, keeping the students' favourites on the standard daily menu, e.g pasta pots and then adding in a range of variable items that we swap in and out daily, alongside a main meal such as curry, lasagne, cottage pie, for example.

The foods we serve have ingredients with a healthy twist. Low sugar and low fat ingredients, hidden vegetables in pizza based toppings and pasta sauce etc. Some drinks that we stock are 'sugar free' flavoured fizzy water and juice and is 1 portion of their 5 a day for fruit/vegetables. We also have some visibly healthy meals/snacks/fruit on offer. It is a fine balance of supply/demand and capacity but we are always trying to improve what we do.

Our action points (from our development plans and feedback) are:

- Menu – to be added to school website and to the student 'What's On' guide
- Increase visible healthy options/reduce other options
- Parent tasting focus group (when Covid measures reduced/removed)
- Resume student surveys and focus groups (delayed due to Covid disruption)
- Provide regular parent updates on catering development
- Develop food pre-order system
- Wider roll-out of the National School Breakfast Programme
- Environmental plan to reduce waste and increase recycling



We hope to return to wider use of the Canteen area by mixed Year groups after Easter, but we have been supported in our decision to maintain some separation of Year groups by Public Health. They have advised that it will have been a factor in us having lower levels of positive Covid cases compared to schools who have reintroduced full mixing. Of course it is a balance, and we will ensure that we are continuing to monitor the situation over the coming weeks and months, so that we can return to our normal lunch systems as soon as it is prudent to do so.

As always, we are working hard to improve our services to benefit our students but appreciate your feedback. Please do contact me or the Catering Manager using the following email: [catering@courtfields.net](mailto:catering@courtfields.net)

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Open events are a great way to explore your options for next year. You'll have the opportunity to speak to our tutors and view the College's facilities.

### TAUNTON CAMPUS

Tues 18 January, 6pm - 8pm

### BRIDGWATER CAMPUS

Wed 19 January, 6pm - 8pm

### CANNINGTON CAMPUS

Sat 22 January, 10am - 1pm

Registration is essential for these events. For further information visit our website or call **01278 441234**.



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# OPEN EVENT

JOIN US AT OUR OPEN EVENT TO FIND OUT ALL THE AMAZING THINGS HUISH HAVE TO OFFER

Wednesday 9th February 2022, 5.00 - 8.00pm

We have a huge range of courses to choose from, including A Levels, Vocational Level 3, Level 2 Pathway, GCSE resits, Apprenticeships and Professional Accountancy courses.

Registration



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## Chess Club

Chess is back on Tuesday lunchtime in A3 and a new chess club is starting in A4 every Wednesday lunchtime, bring your lunch. Everyone is welcome from non-players to experts. Any further information please see Miss Murphy A1/C9.

## Macmillan fundraising

Thank you to all who supported Macmillan, we raised over £40. Fantastic amount raised for an excellent cause! Miss Murphy



## Musical Theatre Workshop

We still have a few places left on our Musical Theatre Workshop next week. Places cost £5 and students who sign up will have the opportunity to work with West End professionals on shows such as Mama Mia and Jersey Boys to create musical theatre magic in our school!

Students should collect a letter from Mrs Chidgey as soon as possible, as places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

## GCSE Geography trip

The Geography Department is introducing a new residential trip for GCSE Geographers! Year 11 Geographers will have the opportunity to attend a revision and outdoor activity weekend on the 8th-10<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Barton Hall PGL Centre in Torquay. The purpose of the trip is to offer GCSE Geography students the opportunity to engage with Geography revision sessions, complemented by adventure activities in the lead up to their GCSE exams. The all-inclusive cost of this trip is £115 and financial support may be available for students receiving free school meals.

The deadline for deposits and permission slips is January 26th, so book now to reserve your students' place. For further information on this trip, please see the trip letter or contact the Court Fields Geography Department.



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