



16th February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

Today we celebrated 'Blue for Blythe House.' Thank you to all the pupils who participated by wearing blue attire, showcasing their support for this important charity. Your contributions, both in terms of wearing blue and making donations are deeply appreciated and truly demonstrate our community's dedication to supporting local charities. Once all the donations have been carefully counted, I will ensure to communicate the total amount raised.

Furthermore, I would like to thank you for your donations of preloved PE kit, it is much appreciated and will be put to good use.

School Dinners - Derbyshire Catering

This week we were notified that Derbyshire Catering will be implementing price increases on certain food items, including our daily meal deal. As a result, the cost of the meal deal will be adjusted to **£3.00**, up from the previous price of £2.60. This includes a main dish, dessert **and** drink. The cost is **£2.50** for a main dish, dessert **or** drink (currently £2.35). I want to assure you that our Trust, St Ralph Sherwin, has been actively engaged in negotiations with Derbyshire Catering regarding these adjustments. Thanks to their efforts, we have managed to cap the increased cost of the main meal deal at £3.00, instead of the initially proposed £3.55. Attached to this letter, you will find a copy of the updated Derbyshire Catering menu, which outlines the revised prices. These changes will come into effect from **Tuesday, 27th February 2024**.

If your circumstances have recently changed and you would like to apply for free school meals. Please visit: <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Website

I acknowledge that the website has not received regular updates during my absence from school. Over the next two weeks, we will be making updates to several sections of the website. It is my aim that these updates will enhance communication between home and school even further.

Year 9 Progress Evening

On Tuesday 12th March we will hold the rescheduled progress evening. This evening is a crucial opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers. The event will take place at the academy where teachers and other key staff will be available, allowing you to talk to them during your allocated time slots.





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Existing bookings will be carried over to the new date. Parents and carers who have already booked are required to take no additional action. Parents and carers who now wish to book, should do so via the school cloud. Log in instructions can be found on our website. No log in credentials are required.

We will need to contact the parents or guardians of any student who does not have appointments by Friday 8th March so please ensure you have booked your chosen times by this date.

We look forward to seeing you in person on Tuesday 12th March for your appointments. You should arrive ten minutes before your first appointment time to collect information packs and have time to look at data sheets and other key information before your appointments begin.

Exam Invigilators

We are currently seeking additional exam invigilators to join our current team. If you are interested and would like more details, please click here: <https://www.srscmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies-single/?Category=Exam%2520Invigilators&Advert=nK2rQU6Op0BFXKoR3Vqtcw%3D%3D&Region=StThomasMoreCatholicVoluntaryAcademy>

INSET – Monday 26th February 2024

A reminder that the school will be **closed on Monday 26th February, for INSET**. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday 27th February, at the usual time.

With sincere thanks for your continued support,

Mr Redfern
Headteacher



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