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Catholic Academy

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19 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well.

The Spring term is always one of great intensity and I am deeply thankful to staff and students alike for their dedication and commitment to all we stand for. I am particularly grateful to you, our wonderfully supportive parents and carers, for your partnership throughout the year. In this vein, I am writing to you to draw your attention to some notable dates, together with some items of news.

### **Year 11 Mock Examinations**

Mock examinations are an ideal opportunity for students to experience the preparation and organisation that will be required for the final GCSE examinations in summer. Accordingly, the next set of mock examinations for Year 11 will begin on Monday 3 March. During the February half-term holiday revision classes have been put on for students and details can be found on the school website.

### **School Meal prices**

Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust is proud to provide fresh, nutritious, and delicious meals to our students every day. These meals not only fuel their learning but also offer excellent value and variety to ensure all children enjoy a healthy, balanced diet at school.

After careful consideration, we want to inform you of an update to the price of school meals. From **24 February 2025**, the cost of a meal will increase to **£2.85 per meal**. This decision has been made in response to rising costs of ingredients, energy, staffing and supplies. Even with this price rise, we will still be subsidising a significant portion of the cost of our meals. We hope this shows our commitment to keeping our prices as low as possible, in the face of mounting cost pressures. This is a national issue, and our new meal price remains competitive (and in some cases considerably cheaper) than other local schools.

### **Free school Meal Allowances**

In line with the increase in the cost of meals after half-term, from Monday 3 March the free school meals allowance is increased to £2:85p. If you would like more information about how to apply for free school meals, please check out the school website for further details.

### **Change to lunchtime arrangement**

After the half term holidays, we will also be changing the way in which we serve lunches in the school. From **3 March 2025**, all 'Grab & Go' food will be served from the servery in the Dance Studio for all year groups. 'Grab & Go' food includes pizza, paninis, sandwiches, sausage rolls etc. Any student, from any year group wanting a hot meal, will need to queue at the main Dining Hall for lunch. Students that have packed lunches will also sit in the main Dining Hall.

To help students to choose which servery to go to, each morning, the hot food menu will be shared in Form time with students so that they can make an informed decision about where to go.



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## Staff

This half-term there have been some notable changes to the staffing in St. Michael's that I'm thrilled to share with you. I am sure you will all join us as we wish these members of staff every success in their new roles.

Mr Price: Year 9 Pastoral Learning Manager  
Mrs Bingham: Year 10 Pastoral Learning Manager  
Madame Bose: Curriculum Lead for Modern Foreign Languages  
Miss Chambers: Curriculum Lead for History

## Dates for your diary

19 March Year 9 Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio (Td/IPV) & Meningitis ACWY catch-up session  
The nurses will assess 'Gillick Competency'.  
8 April Year 10 Parents' Evening 4.00pm - 6.30pm  
14- 25 April Easter Holiday

## My Child At School (MCAS)

In order to keep up to date with information sent out by school, see what your child ate for lunch and make payments for trips you need the MCAS app. Please contact the school office for help getting started.

## End of Term Arrangements

On Thursday 20 February the school day will end as usual at 3.25pm and we break-up for the half-term holiday. The academy will re-open to all students on Monday 3 March 2025. Dates for this academic year can be found on our school website.

I am very proud of the many achievements of our students this term and thank them for their hard work and contribution to our ethos.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Yours sincerely,



**Mrs Clare Humble**  
Headteacher



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