



## Parent E-Bulletin – Spring Term Week Commencing 30th January 2023

### Message from the Headteacher

It has been a pleasure to welcome so many of you to our production of “Little Shop of Horrors” this week. This was our first production of the year and the learners in Key Stage Four and Five have worked very hard to prepare for this. It has been wonderful to see all of the glimpses of plants and rehearsals of singing come to life as one fantastic production. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and congratulations to all of our very talented learners and staff for putting on such a brilliant show.

Yesterday all of our learners were privileged to hear the 'many lives' of the remarkable Ruth Posner, a Holocaust Survivor, as the school reflected on Holocaust Memorial Day. Her vibrancy, wisdom and the central message not to generalise any group will remain with our learners for years to come. I was hugely impressed with the way all our learners engaged with this important message and reflected upon its significance.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

L Cummins  
Headteacher

### Tesco Gift Cards (FSM)

We are pleased to confirm that vouchers will be issued to parents / carers of every learner on roll who is in receipt of FSMs. This is in lieu of free school meals for your child(ren) for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of February when school is closed to learners due to the NEU industrial action. All gift cards will be accessible from an email sent to be sent to you at noon today (27/01/23) from [tescogiftcards@cashstar.com](mailto:tescogiftcards@cashstar.com). If you have not received the email from Tesco by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January please email [finance@uptonhigh.co.uk](mailto:finance@uptonhigh.co.uk) and we will investigate and resolve the matter for you.



### Free School Meals

Learners in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) are allocated a daily allowance of **£2.45**, which is applied to their account at the start of each day for the child to spend as they see fit.

Please be aware that any unused credit is not carried over and does not accumulate. However any purchases that take a child's spending over the daily allowance will be charged to their account, leaving them in deficit.

In such instances, parents/carers will be required to top-up their child's account with funds via the school's online payment system **Scopay** to clear the debt. If you do not have an online payment account, please email [finance@uptonhigh.co.uk](mailto:finance@uptonhigh.co.uk) to request one.

Some learners have been overspending on their daily allowance by making purchases at Break as well as Lunch.

A particularly good value-for-money option for learners is the **Meal Deal**, which includes a hot main meal with either a home bake dessert or a bottle of water for **£2.45**. Alternatively, learners can choose a sandwich with a bottle of water AND a home bake dessert for the same price.

This represents a very cost effective way for learners to get a good amount of nourishment, rather than purchasing items separately which would be more expensive.

**Please discuss your child's spending habits and choices with them so that they are aware of their options and are getting the most from their FSM entitlement.**

## Wellbeing Survey

Dear Parents,

Please encourage your child to complete the Wellbeing Survey which will be available on Google Classroom until 11am on Wednesday 1/2/23. The results of the survey will enable pastoral staff to give targeted support to learners in our school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Regards,

Mr Keegan  
Director of Safeguarding and Wellbeing

## Careers and Next Steps

Click on the link below to see the latest information

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