



Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you as we approach the end of another really productive week.

It was wonderful to welcome so many new Year 12 and Year 7 parents to our information evenings this week. They are a really important part of the partnership which will ensure that the learners in our school are able to make the progress they are so capable of. If you were not able to attend, the presentation slides will be available on the school website from the beginning of next week. For upcoming information evenings please see the school website and communications that we have already sent out.

Update for Parents and Carers - Homework completion - Attitude to Learning grades (ATL)

We are having an increased push on Homework completion for our learners. In order for us to monitor the frequency of non-completion of homework more closely we will be introducing a new code on EduLink. If a learner fails to complete and hand in their homework on time we will record this on the register as a question mark (?). For information: due to the way the system works it is the only code available to us.

Currently an ATL 3 on the register is for lack of equipment/kit/ or passive learning/no homework. An ATL 3 will now only be given for lack of equipment/kit/ or passive learning. This will allow staff and parents/carers to see more easily if a learner is regularly not completing their homework, by looking at the number of '?' awarded.

Just a reminder that, we do not use the mark book on Show My Homework (Satchel One), we only use EduLink to record non-completion of homework. We will be using a '?' to do this from Monday 16th September. You should have received an email with details of how to log into EduLink to view your child's ATL grades in lessons.

ATL grades of 4 and 5 will supersede non-completion of homework and if homework completion is an issue staff will make contact with you.

If you have any questions or need any support please do get in touch with Mrs Bradbury bradburye@uptonhigh.co.uk

Engage@upton timetable

We are pleased to share with you the Engage@upton extra-curricular activities timetable for this half term. Clubs start from next week and we look forward to seeing as many learners as possible enjoying this opportunities. The timetable can be accessed via the school website at the following location:

<https://www.uptonhigh.co.uk/page/?title=Engage+%40+Upton&pid=522>

School Canteen

The school caterers, Aspens, provide a variety of options to cater for all our learners. Details of the current menu on offer and Meal Deals available can be found [here](#)

Meal Deals represent a particularly good value-for-money lunch option for learners at **£2.70**.

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

You can add credit to your child's account via the school's online payment system Scopay. If you do not have an online payment account, please email finance@uptonhigh.co.uk to request one.

Free School Meals

Learners in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) are allocated a daily allowance of **£2.70**, which is aligned with the cost of a Meal Deal. The allowance is applied to their account at the start of each day for the child to spend as they see fit, although it is intended for lunchtime provision. You may wish to consider providing extra food or additional funds to your child's account if they wish to eat something at Break as well.

Please be aware that any unused credit is not carried over and does not accumulate. 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 to clear the debt.

Please ensure that your child's catering balance is kept in sufficient credit that they are able to make their desired purchases. If for any reason a child does not have sufficient credit on a given day, they should seek out a member of school staff in the canteen to request support in that instance.

Whilst we exercise a degree of understanding and support, a report is run each Wednesday highlighting any learners whose accounts have fallen into deficit and a communication will be sent to the relevant parents/carers requesting that any negative balances are settled as a matter of urgency.

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 credit or FSM entitlement.

School Photographs Year 7 and Year 12

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 22nd September**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Attendance procedures

You will find attached a letter regarding the attendance procedures for this academic year from Mr Will, Pastoral Manager for Attendance and Family Support.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully,

L Cummins
Headteacher

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