

Senior Girls

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Dear Parents / Guardians

The start of term has been welcomed by staff and students alike and it is lovely to see the girls back in the school building. One of the issues we have had with the Sixth Form is with regard to school lunches. There have been some concerns raised by students about the variety of food available to them at lunch and these have been forwarded to Chartwells. More options are now available, including a take away hot option, side salads and soup of the day. The Catering Manager is also keen to hear from individuals who have specific requirements if this is preventing them from staying for school lunches.

After running this new system through for a week, Mrs Tao and I have reviewed the situation and have decided that it would be better for the students in the Sixth Form to have a choice about their lunches. With this in mind we are going to allow Sixth Form students to opt for a packed lunch brought in from home if they do not want to have school lunches. In the past we have allowed students to choose which days they wanted to stay for school lunch, however this arrangement will not be possible in light of restrictions imposed due to Covid 19. As a compromise we have said that students can opt for their choice for the whole of a half term. This will mean that if a student wants to bring in a packed lunch from home, they must do this every day for that half term. There will be no option to choose a school dinner. **Please be aware that we are not allowing students to sign out of school at lunchtime.**

The Sixth Form will be asked by Form Tutors tomorrow morning during form time which option they wish to have. This will then be recorded and you will be billed accordingly. It would be appreciated if you could discuss this with your daughter so that you are aware of the decision they have made.

If you have any further questions or concerns about this arrangement please contact me via e-mail j.mayne@merchanttaylors.com and I will be happy to give you a call to discuss it further.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Mayne
Head of Sixth Form