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7th July 2016

Dear parents

A Few Reminders & Some Additional Information

Enclosed here some new information for you. I will not repeat the information you have already received & heard - all those arrangements remain in place as I explained at the recent Information Evening.

Arrangements for the last week of term:-

- Firstly, a gentle reminder that school will close at **12.25 on Thursday 21st July**.
- We have Activities 'Week' Monday 18th July to Wednesday 20th July. There are still a *few* pupils who have NOT returned consent forms. I have to make a **final deadline date of Monday 11th July**. If forms are still outstanding, I'm afraid your child will have to remain in school for lessons & will not be able to take part in the Activities planned.
- **Monday 18th July to Wednesday 20th July**, pupils **DO NOT** need wear school uniform. They must wear appropriate clothing for the activity they are doing, which will have been detailed in the individual trip information. If you are in any doubt, please contact the school.
- **On Thursday 21st July**, all pupils must wear **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM** as they will be attending normal lessons beginning at the normal time. During the morning we will hold an End of Year Special Rewards Assembly to celebrate the successes of this year & to remind pupils of the expectations for next year. Pupils will be dismissed at 12.25. (Note: pupils travelling from Hawkinge will be contacted in an additional letter with specific arrangements)

Arrangements for the new term:-

- Pupils return to school on **Tuesday 6th September by the normal time of 8.40, lessons beginning at 8.45 as now** - unless they wish to have Breakfast in The Bistro from 8.00(see below)
- Lessons will end at 2.55 & we will begin an extensive programme of **Outside School Learning** from early in the autumn term - Note: a separate detailed letter will be sent out in September about this & see **Homework** below
- **Site security** - If you are visiting the site, unless for an event, after 4.00, you will need to park & enter via the PVLC Reception. You will be met by the person you have an appointment with. This is because we need to make sure the site is secure once reception in the main school is closed from 4.00. The only pedestrian way in & out for pupils will be the Surrenden Road entrance from 6th September. Thank you for your understanding.



Additional Information:-

- **Breakfast & Lunch from September 2016** - Enclosed, the potential lunch menus for the next year. In addition pupils will be able to obtain a breakfast from a selection of cereal, toast, hot drink, bacon/sausage sandwich each day from 8.00 - 8.30. Both breakfast & lunch will be available free of charge. (This was something another closing school had in place for pupils & we have ensured the same provision here for our pupils)
- **Homework** - I know from speaking to many of you over the past few weeks, homework is a concern. Enclosed is a Homework Timetable with a bit of a difference! At the end of each day, we are operating a Homework Club open to any pupil to study in school after school. The attached timetable indicates when each of the subjects have their 'slot' for supporting homework as well as for specifically targeted after school sessions (details of which we will send you next term). So, if a child completes an hour study, it will still only be 3.55, so there is plenty of scope to use this to have a real impact on progress & learning. I know that many of you support this & have indicated that you would like your child's Academic Mentor to encourage attendance at these sessions. We will award positive conduct points for attendance at these sessions & for completed homework. These points will be counted towards discount vouchers for any trips or activities that we do during the year, again details to follow in the new term.
- **All pupils will bring home a Summer Work pack** which they need to complete & return to their teachers on return in September.
- From 6th September, our new Academic Mentoring system begins. Pupils will meet their Mentors on the first day on their return & collect an updated timetable from their Mentor - this will be in the Main Hall.
- **Uniform** -Expectations of uniform are absolutely the same as now & sanctions will be the same as now. However, for any pupil doing PE in the Wednesday Afternoon Enrichment time, we are allowing them to wear appropriate safe sports clothing of their own if they wish.
- **Closing Down Sale of New Uniform!** We have new blazers in stock which we are able to 'sell' to you for a £5 donation which we will put in the pupils Year 11 Prom fund. If you buy a blazer, we may well be able to provide a new pullover free of charge if we have the size left. I know uniform has been a worry for some of you, hopefully this will help. This will have to be on a first come first served basis, so if you would like a new blazer, please come in or send your child to reception with £5, as soon as possible & we can sort that out.

Thank you very much for all your support as we move things into place for September. Any questions or queries, please just get in touch before the end of term. Alternatively, you will be able to speak to someone during the holidays from Monday 1st August to 26th August 8.00 - 4.00 or you can call 01303 277161 ext. 2203 & leave a message for someone to get back to you.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff & governors, I wish all our pupils a very enjoyable & safe summer holiday & look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for what is going to be a very special year indeed.

Yours sincerely



MS E REDPATH
Acting Headteacher





Pent Valley Technology College & Sports Academy Menu



(MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE) Week 1 2016 -2017



Jessica
Ennis-Hill



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Mo Farah

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fun Friday
Beef Cobbler Vegetables Dessert	Chicken and Leek Pie Dessert	Roast Gammon Vegetables Dessert	Bacon Whirls Vegetables Dessert	Sausages Vegetables Dessert
Vegetable Wraps Mashed Potatoes Dessert	Vegetable Lasagne Garlic Bread Dessert	Cheese Turnovers Vegetables Dessert	Salmon Vegetables Dessert	Fish of the day – Vegetables – Dessert
Fresh Baton Carrots Broccoli	Fresh Beans Fresh Cauliflower	Garden Peas Roast Potatoes	Roasted Vegetables Sweetcorn & Peas	Grilled Tomatoes Crunchy Coleslaw Salad Chipped Potatoe
Sponge	Flapjack	Apple Crumble	Rice Pudding	Bakewell Tart
Jacket potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
Salad Bar Selection Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	Salad Bar Selection Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	Salad Bar Selection Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	Salad Bar Selection Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	Salad Bar Selection Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts





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(MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE) Week 2 2016 -2017



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fun Friday
Beef Hotpot Dessert	Chicken Curry Dessert	Roast Pork and Apple Sauce Vegetables Dessert	Shepherd's Pie	Paninis
Pasta Bake	Vegetable Curry	Tuna Parcels Vegetables Dessert	Omelettes	Fish of the day Vegetables Dessert
Fresh Baton Carrots Broccoli Potatoes	Rice Broccoli Green Beans	Mixed Vegetables Green Cabbage Roast Potatoes	Garden Peas Carrots Mashed Potatoes	Sweetcorn & Peas Chipped Potatoes
Orange Sponge	Fresh Fruit Salad	Carrot Cake	Mixed Fruit Pie	Marble Sponge
Jacket potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
Salad Bar Selection Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	Salad Bar Selection Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	Salad Bar Selection Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	Salad Bar Selection Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	Salad Bar Selection Fresh Fruit Selection





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(MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE) Week 3 2016 -2017



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fun Friday
Beef Lasagne Dessert	Chicken Fajitas Vegetables Dessert	Roast Turkey Vegetables Dessert	Chicken Balti Dessert	Pizza Vegetables Dessert
Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry Dessert	Salmon Vegetables Dessert	Vegetable Frittata Vegetables Dessert	Tuna Parcels Vegetables Dessert	Fish of the day Vegetables Dessert
Rice Sweetcorn Garlic Bread	New Potatoes	Mixed Vegetables Green Cabbage Roast Potatoes	Fluted Carrots Broccoli New Potatoes	Garden Peas Grilled Tomatoes Chipped Potatoes
Spotted Dick	Cookies	Fruit Goodie	Roly-poly	Steamed Sponge
Jacket potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
Salad Bar Selection Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	Salad Bar Selection Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	Salad Bar Selection Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	Salad Bar Selection Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts	Salad Bar Selection Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts



Day	Homework Club Available
Mondays	Science
Tuesdays	11E English groups, & set 3 11M maths groups in Week One (Cycle begins from Tuesday 6 th September as Week One) 11M English groups & set 4 11E Maths groups in Week Two (Cycle begins from Monday 12 th September as Week Two) Note: we will display which Homework Club Week it is throughout
Wednesdays	Option A subjects
Thursdays	Option C subjects Week One (Cycle begins from Tuesday 6 th September as Week One) Option B Subjects Week Two (Cycle begins from Monday 12 th September as Week Two) Note: we will display which Homework Club Week it is throughout
<p>Pupils will be set Homework from each subject at least once per week. This will take on a variety of formats / tasks & activities appropriate to each subject & what is being studied at the time. Homework should take anything from 30 minutes to an hour to complete as a very rough guide but this will vary especially if coursework completion is involved.</p> <p>In addition, all pupils should be studying at home revising & reviewing their learning in addition to the 'formal' homework approach. We will show pupils how to revise effectively via the Academic Mentoring Programme.</p> <p>Homework Club as indicated above will provide pupils with a supported study opportunity which we really encourage them to make full use of. (For every session attended, pupils will earn 3 positive conduct points which will feed into our Rewards System)</p>	