

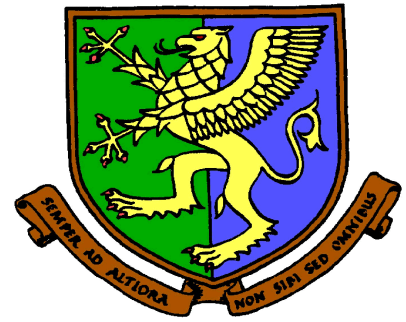
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NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first issue of the College newsletter from our new school. Hopefully your daughter/son will have told you how great it is, or maybe you came to the recent Open Evening? We are very fortunate to have such wonderful facilities. The school was officially opened by the Secretary of State for Education, Mr. Ed Balls.

Gamble Avenue

We have concerns for student safety as they leave school at the end of the day, particularly as they cross the road. We have had discussions with the bus companies as well as representatives from the council. Watch this space for future developments. We would like your support in this matter and ask you to arrange to collect your daughter/son from somewhere other than Gamble Avenue.

Lunchtime

We now have two facilities on site where students can purchase food at lunchtimes. There is the canteen and the new Bistro which serves sandwiches and snack items. Students can use either.

Please remember, they must charge their accounts with money before they purchase food. An account can be charged at any time of the day, or during the week. A maximum spend of £4 per day applies. Payment can be made by cash or cheque, please make cheques payable to St. Helens Council. Once a student deposits money into the machines it cannot be given back. Students bringing a packed lunch may use either the canteen or the Bistro area.



Uniform

Well done mums, dads and carers; you are sending your children to school dressed in accordance with the school code. The students look as if they are ready for the day ahead! One small point; blazers are required. Students can use either. Some students are trying to convince parents that a jumper can be worn in place of blazer. No, a black V-neck jumper is optional but does not replace the need for a blazer.



Sustainability

The new school has been built, where ever possible, out of recycled materials. In addition, the building uses rain water to flush toilets and solar energy to produce hot water. We want to continue this theme and would like to end the issuing of this newsletter in paper form. Would you be interested in receiving this, and other information, in electronic format? We will soon be sending out the usual data collection form and this will involve a section for you to inform us of your e-mail address. I am sure that a number of parents do not get to know all that they should when we use pupil post!

Attendance

It is very important that your daughter/son attends regularly and avoids taking 'the odd day off' if they wake up with a bit of a sniffle. If your child is absent from school for 7 days or more this half term they become a Persistent Absentee. At this point the Education Welfare Service become involved.

Parenting Programme

It's a difficult job being parent! The local authority have set up a programme of events designed to help parents with any issues they may have. This could be either in a group session or in one-to-one sessions dependent on the individual needs. The sessions are free and a crèche facility is provided. If you would like further information, please contact the school office.

Free School Meals

You could be eligible for your daughter/son to receive a free school meal. This includes the daily 'Meal Deal' - a really good main meal and sweet. It costs nothing to find out whether you can receive this—

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