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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Change to the lunch times from September 2024

As you aware we have had construction work taking place at the school on our dining facilities over the last 4 months. This work is now almost complete and our dining room extension will be ready to for full use from September 2024. The new additional space will provide a further 150 seats on top of the current capacity of 180. This will significantly improve the lunchtime experience for our students which at times, due to our limited seating capacity, can feel overcrowded and rushed.

We have recently surveyed parents' and carers' views on dining at BCA and by a clear majority the overwhelming view was that 25 minutes for our lunchtime was not seen as a long enough period for lunch. Now that we have greater capacity to comfortably accommodate more students in our dining areas I have made the decision to extend the lunchtime by 10 minutes. From September 2024 this means lunchtimes will runs as follows:

Monday to Thursday

Years 9, 10 & 11: 12:10pm – 12:45pm

Years 7 & 8: 1:10pm – 1:45pm

Friday

Years 9, 10 & 11: 12:50pm – 1:25pm

Years 7 & 8: 1:50pm – 2:25pm

RE: end of school times

Extending our lunchtimes by 10 minutes will have the knock-on effect of slightly lengthening our school day. From September 2024 the timings from the start and end of the school day will be as follows:

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 2:45pm

Friday: 9:30am – 3:25pm.

RE: Additional information relating to improving dining at BCA.

Following this letter you will receive an additional communication from Mrs Viar, BCA's Business Operations Manager, that will provide further information relating to the following areas:

- Improved access to "grab 'n' go" meals



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- Menu changes
- Cost of school meals
- Cashless payments
- Hygiene rating

Yours faithfully



Mr G Harris
Principal



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