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Dear Parent/Carer

**Sixth form open evening – 2 November, MacMillan Coffee Morning, Caterpod deliveries and Winners of the Caterpod design competition, Toilet works and deliveries, Food prices, Year 11 examination guidance, Year 11 revision folders, resources and interventions, Prom wardrobe, Scholastic Book Fair, Year 7 lunch arrangements after half term, Skydive for charity, Donations of warm clothing**

Welcome to my end of half term final update letter. It only seems like five minutes since we came back after the summer holidays, yet we have crammed so much into just a few short weeks. It has been nice to see some great sports fixtures return and to see some trips already running across the curriculum as well as a purposeful atmosphere around the building.

There are some important events coming up after the break and a few to feed back on from this week:

## **Sixth form open evening – 2 November**

Mr Griffiths and his team are looking forward to greeting any current Year 11 students wishing to join our sixth form in Year 12 next September. The curriculum offer we have planned is one of the widest and most far-reaching we have ever offered so we are really excited to share this in early November and support any prospective sixth form students with the application process.

## **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

We all really enjoyed meeting parents and members of the community on Tuesday on a day when the Academy was full of cakes! We were lucky enough to raise £236.53! Thanks again if you came along. It was lovely to meet you, sit and have a brew and take some valuable feedback.

## **Caterpod deliveries and Winners of the Caterpod design competition**

We are expecting our two Caterpods to be delivered on 27 and 28 October for an immediate start after half term. Please find attached a brief menu for the two Caterpods which will be in use from after the break.

I am delighted to inform you that Brandon G in 8L/AC and Louie DR in 7T/GW won the design competition for the two pods. One is called 'The Pit Stop' and the livery is black and white checks like a Formula 1 flag and the other is called 'Nom Nom' and is a teal/blue with flags on the livery. I enclose the designs for you to take a look at. Both will receive their half term queue jump cards on the first day of next half term. Well done boys!

### **Toilet works and deliveries**

We are about to renovate the main boys' toilets and have received a visit from the contractors this week to finalise details. With this in mind, over half term we are taking delivery of some temporary toilets whilst this work is completed. They will be placed outside in the current Year 10 zone close to the existing toilet block.

### **Food prices**

There is much coverage in the media at the moment about food prices rocketing, as well as energy and fuel. We are not immune to these budgetary pressures. However, in response to some queries this week, I am battling to keep our food and drink prices at current levels in order that families are not inconvenienced any more than necessary. This necessitates my budget taking a huge hit in the short term in support of this plan but will continue to be my way of working until the situation is entirely untenable.

### **Year 11 examination guidance**

We have changed the way that we deliver mock examinations for this academic year in the hope of supporting student well-being and learning about examination technique. To this end, our first set of mocks will be held in class and will be a full series of shorter mock examination papers with staff in full subject control of these. We will proceed to a full examination series in January when real examinations and mocks will be held together in the sports hall as usual. We will complete a third set of in-class mocks in March as final preparation for the 'real things'.

### **Year 11 revision folders, resources and interventions**

In light of the above Year 11 examination announcement, Year 11 revision folders and resources will be disseminated during the first week back after half term. The timetable for intervention support will also be shared. We intend to hold a Year 11 examination assembly in the first week back.



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## Prom wardrobe

It is never too early to plan for the summer extravaganza when all examinations are over and time at the Academy can be celebrated in full. We run a prom wardrobe for those families who do not want to spend so much money on expensive outfits for one night of fun. Further details are available from Miss Empson at the Academy.

## Scholastic Book Fair

We are holding our next book fair straight after half term in the library. Mrs Ransome always has some excellent publications on offer for purchase during these fairs so pop down to the library for a look if you fancy something new to read.

## Year 7 lunch arrangements after half term

Year 7 have been with us for a full half term now. They will revert to normal break 2 times from 31 October when we return.

## Skydive for charity

Our Deputy Head Girl, Polly W, has decided to raise some money for a charity that is important to her by doing a skydive. This is a bold undertaking for anyone and especially so for someone so young. Furthermore, she intends to throw herself out of a plane from 15,000 feet in late January when the winter may be at its coldest!

Polly has great career aspirations and has a level head. She is a stunning example to all of our other students and I hope everyone will get behind her. I enclose a PowerPoint slide that she has produced by means of explanation and her JustGiving link is here: [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/polly-watts?utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=polly-watts&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share&utm\\_term=7991bbd09a6348c8960a874f64573e52](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/polly-watts?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=polly-watts&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=7991bbd09a6348c8960a874f64573e52)



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## Donations of warm clothing

As part of our ongoing support for the community over the winter, we are looking for donations of any warm clothing in order that we can stock warm rails with suitable items. More about this initiative in due course but your help would be really gratefully received.

I live my whole life in academic years and this half term has truly whizzed by! But it is now time for a bit of a rest for everyone. As Napoleon Bonaparte once exclaimed, "The best cure for the body is a quiet mind."

I hope everyone finds a little time for some quiet over the coming days.

We will look forward to seeing our youngsters back at the Academy on Monday 31 October.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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Hi, my name is Polly, and I am fundraising for LIVES charity.

I am sixth former at the moment and am hoping to pursue a career as a paramedic in the near future. Because I have an invested interest in this cause, I would like to raise some money to aid first responders in their work. I am going to do this through a skydive from 15,000 feet during late January 2023. I would be very grateful if you could help me to raise money for this important cause.

LIVES is a unique charity in the UK dedicated to supporting 700+ volunteers who give up their spare time to save lives across the county. Our First Responders helped over 20,000 people across Lincolnshire in 2017, and we estimate 1 in 5 people in Lincolnshire have been helped by LIVES in the last 15 years. Our responders' actions literally save lives, delivering that vital immediate care in those critical first moments before handing over to the ambulance service.



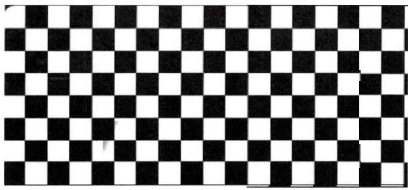
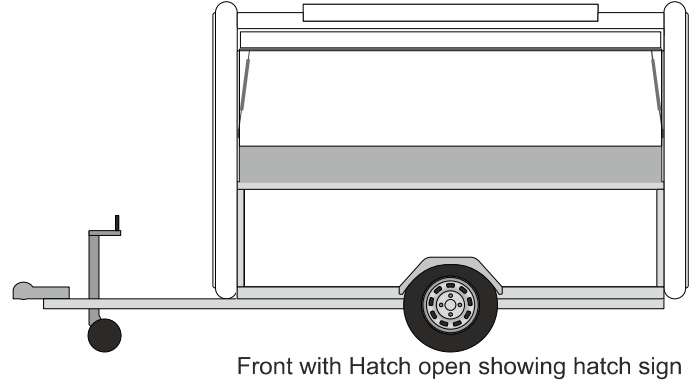
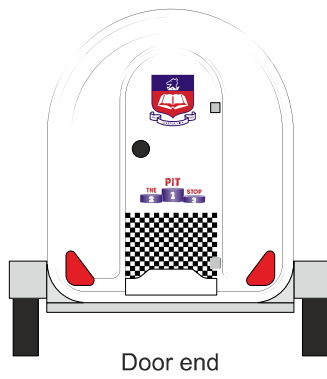
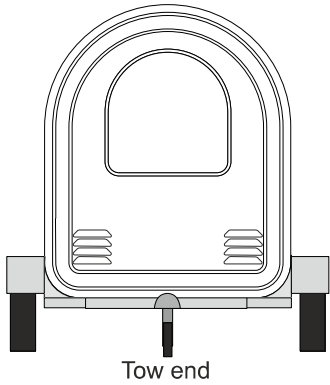
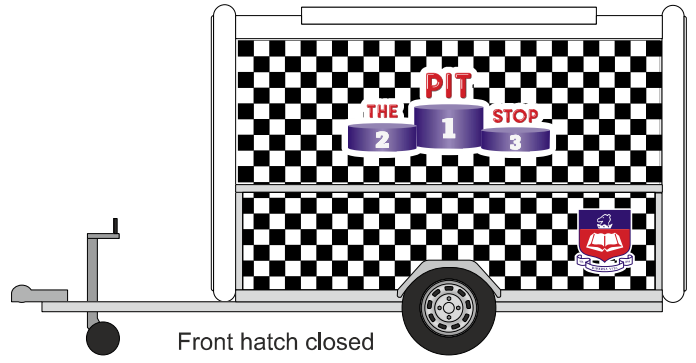
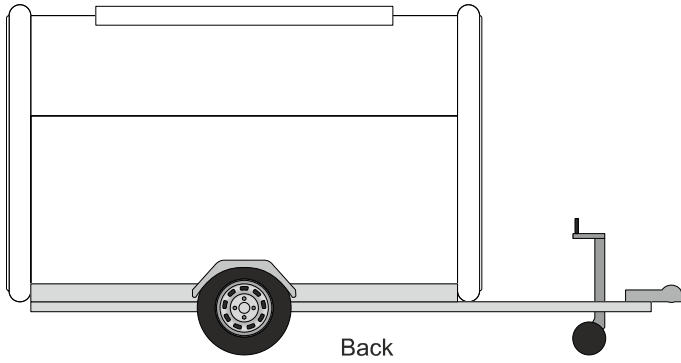
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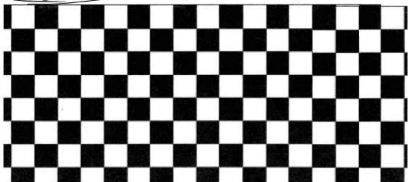


## Caterpod Price List

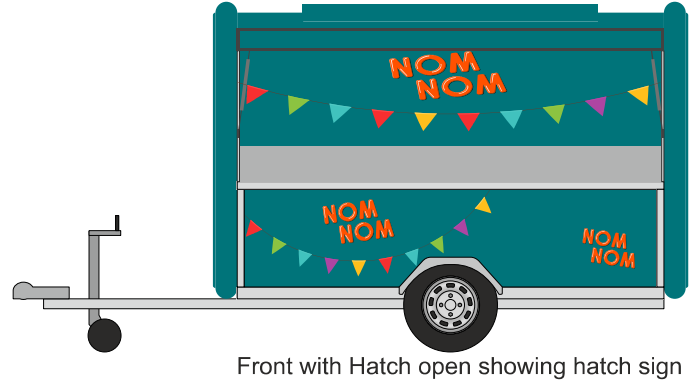
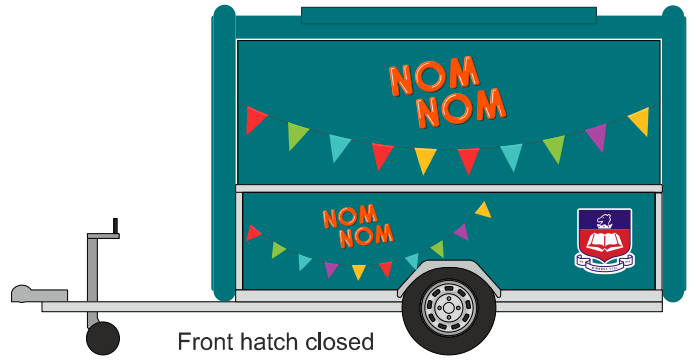
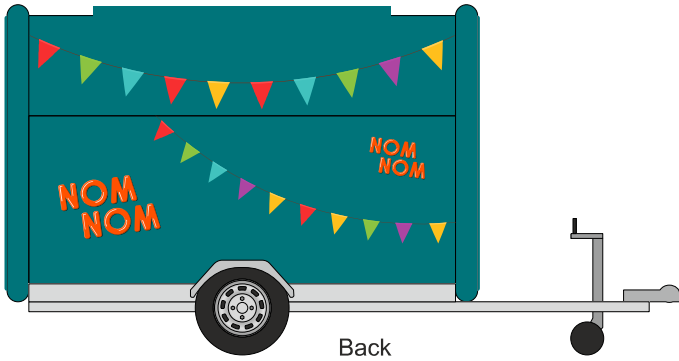
<b>Burgers</b>	<b>£1.60</b>
<b>Giant Hotdogs</b>	<b>£1.70</b>
<b>Sausage Roll</b>	<b>£1.00</b>
<b>Hot Panini</b>	<b>£1.50</b>
<b>Toastie</b>	<b>£1.00</b>
<b>Assorted cakes</b>	<b>£0.70</b>
<b>Water</b>	<b>£0.70</b>
<b>Hot Chocolate</b>	<b>£0.70</b>
<b>Hot Chocolate with extras</b>	<b>£0.80</b>
<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	<b>£0.50</b>



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