



5 January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Parent Survey, Catering Changes, Year 9 Options Process, Extra-curricular Activities, Weekly Letters from the Head

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to see our students return this week. I hope that a restful break was had by all. This week's letter is short because of the three-day week, but you will still find some important updates below:

Parent Survey

As we broke up, I offered parents the chance to give some feedback on the Academy. We have received very limited responses so far. Please use the link to offer us your feedback – <https://forms.office.com/e/PB9JCPjUbW>. Thank you.

Catering Changes

Aspens have now taken over our catering contract and have made a very good start. From Monday, the service in the RP6th common room will begin and their new coffee machine will also arrive. In the coming weeks, a new cold servery will open in the main hall too and a new drinks system will begin in the main canteen. As mentioned before Christmas, we are now fully cashless too. Please ensure that your child's ParentPay account is topped up. We have also increased the amount per day for children eligible for Free School Meals.

I have seen the feedback on social media, lots of it negative. However, give it time. Aspens are market leaders specialising in school catering. I remain very impressed with them and their service. Being blunt, slating a new service on day one is a little premature. The food quality is much improved and, yes, some of the prices have risen which the Academy is not responsible for, but what you will find is that much of the increase is for foods we are trying to discourage our students from eating in favour of healthier and more filling options.

I wrote some months ago about the significant strains placed upon school budgets by the rising costs of food. To this end, we subsidised all meals last year and every year since my tenure and lost over £50,000 last year alone. I simply cannot continue to do that because that is over the cost of one fully qualified teacher. Since the first lockdown, the canteen has been subsidised to the tune of £236,000! This sum, I am sure you would agree, is better placed being spent on teaching, learning and our building maintenance and development.

In addition, I have seen many comments claiming that this change has come as a shock to some sections of the parent body. Once again, menus and prices were published via this letter on 15 December 2023, and I have written over the past few months about the impending changes. I also enclose the menus again along with a statement from Aspens.

Aspens are keen to involve the parent body in this new initiative, so much so, that I will be announcing a parent event very soon to give you the chance to see the setup and taste the new food.

Year 9 Options Process

Year 9 options week will take place later this month beginning on Monday 22 January. Options evening will also be held during that week on Wednesday 24 January. Further details will follow from Mr Ward.

Extra-curricular Activities

Please use this link to see what amazing extra-curricular activities are on offer this term – <https://srpa.co.uk/extra-curricular-clubs-activities/>.

Weekly Letters from the Head

I am receiving regular feedback now from parents/carers that they are not reading these letters from me on a weekly basis. Each week, I am fielding enquiries with regard to issues I have already written about and published previously, often just the previous Friday, whilst being told I am not communicating well. Some of the feedback I have received also suggests that these letters are also no longer welcomed. As we begin a new year, I am keen to gauge opinion. Please use the link below to a simple MS Form to let me know if you would prefer me to cease writing to you. It would be possible to still collate any valuable updates and put them on Frog instead if the opinion prevails that these letters are now irrelevant. Please be good enough to give your views by next Thursday in order for me to plan next week. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/MbPeMBhac5>.

As we have entered a new year, I will sign off this week with the words of T. S. Eliot, who said “For last year’s words belong to last year’s language and next year’s words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning.”

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Headmaster



“This is a calm, happy and caring school.”



Allow me to introduce your new catering service provider, Aspens. Aspens is a highly experienced catering provider for the education sector. We provide a wide range of tasty meals, refreshments, and snacks for our students whilst raising awareness around nutrition and mindful eating.

The menus are exciting and innovative, reflecting the very latest UK and international eating trends but with a real focus on health and wellbeing. The menus adhere to the school food-based standards to make sure students are fuelled and hydrated for learning.

The Deli Kitchen brand is for the popular standard Aspens hot and cold offers. This can range from Authentic Italian pizza and pasta, Hacienda Mexicana's burritos, rice pots and sides and Voulez Poulet's house rub chicken, dogs and sides through to our range of healthy sandwiches, paninis, wraps, jacket potatoes, salads, fruit and cold dessert pots.

Streateries is the secondary meal offer where every day has a theme. Featuring global cuisines, customised offers and food on the move, they are bang up to date with the current trends whilst still ensuring that there is a place on the menu for the comfort of our familiar school dining hall favourites. Each day the menu includes as standard a street food dish, a hand-held version, vegetarian/vegan choices along with a selection of sides.

The restaurant now has a daily Meal Deal to the value of £2.75. The offer includes one of the following:

- Sandwich of the Day + Home bake or piece of Fruit + Bottle Water
- Pasta Pot + Home bake or piece of Fruit + Bottle Water
- Hot Meal of the Day + Home bake or Piece of Fruit or Bottle Water
- Hot Deli Dish of the Day + Home bake or Piece of Fruit or Bottle Water

We are very conscious that this new service represents the biggest change to catering at Sir Robert Pattinson Academy since 1953. Please give us time to make this work well.

We are looking forward to working with you.

Kind regards

Aspens

Breakfast	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Buttered Toast £0.40	Buttered Toast £0.40	Buttered Toast £0.40	Buttered Toast £0.40	Buttered Toast £0.40
Option 2	Pain au Choc £1.30	Croissant £1.50	Pain au Choc £1.30	Croissant £1.50	Pain au Choc £1.30
Option 3	Hash Brown £0.65	Hash Brown £0.65	Hash Brown £0.65	Hash Brown £0.65	Hash Brown £0.65
Option 4	Brunch Bean Pot £2.10	Sausage Breakfast Wrap £2.60	Single Sausage Bap £1.55	Breakfast Sausage Muffin £2.60	Sausage Breakfast Wrap £2.60
Other items	Fruits pots, Yoghurt Pots, Fresh Fruit £1.00. Free Porridge	Fruits pots, Yoghurt Pots, Fresh Fruit £1.00. Free Porridge	Fruits pots, Yoghurt Pots, Fresh Fruit £1.00. Free Porridge	Fruits pots, Yoghurt Pots, Fresh Fruit £1.00. Free Porridge	Fruits pots, Yoghurt Pots, Fresh Fruit £1.00. Free Porridge



MMB (1st Break)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Value 1	Popcorn £0.30	Cheesy Garlic Slice £0.70	Double Cajun Potato Wedge £0.50	Cheesy Garlic Slice £0.70	Popcorn £0.30
Value 2	Waffle £1.00 French Bread Pizza £0.80	Hash Brown £0.65 Pizza Bagel £1.10	Syrup Pancake £0.85 Cheese & Tomato Twist £0.75	Hash Browns £0.65 Pizza Bagel £1.10	Waffle £1.00 French Bread Pizza £0.80
Snack	Chicken Nuggets (x3) £1.20	2x BBQ Chicken Wings £1.50	Single Sausage Bap £1.55	2x Tikka Chicken Wings £1.50	Single Sausage Bap £1.55
Hot Item	Battered Chicken Burger £2.20	Sausage Breakfast Wrap £2.60	Piri Chicken Thigh Burger £2.50	Breakfast Sausage Muffin £2.60	Sausage Breakfast Wrap £2.60
Authentic Italian 1	Margherita Pizza £1.20	Margherita Pizza £1.20	Margherita Pizza £1.20	Margherita Pizza £1.20	Margherita Pizza £1.20
Authentic Italian 2	Pasta & Sauce £1.95	Pasta & Sauce £1.95	Pasta & Sauce £1.95	Pasta & Sauce £1.95	Pasta & Sauce £1.95

Hot Deli (2nd Break)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Concept 1	Theos Cajun Wrap £2.20	American Mustard and Crispy Onion Hot Dog £2.30	Theos Mediterranean Wrap £2.20	Tikka Naan £2.80	Battered Chicken Burger £2.20
Authentic Italian 1	Margherita Pizza £1.20 Ham & Mushroom Pizza £1.40	Margherita Pizza £1.20 Meatball Pizza £1.40	Margherita Pizza £1.20 Chicken Sizzler Pizza 1.40	Margherita Pizza £1.20 Pepperoni Pizza £1.40	Margherita Pizza £1.20
Authentic Italian 2	Pasta & Sauce £2.20	Pasta & Sauce £2.20	Pasta & Sauce £2.20	Pasta & Sauce £2.20	Pasta & Sauce £2.20
Hot item	Battered Chicken Burger £2.20	BBQ Chicken Wings £1.50	Piri Chicken Thigh Burger £2.50	Tikka Chicken Wings £1.50	Chicken Nugget (x3) £1.20
Hot Deli Sides	Dusted Wedges, Cheesy Garlic Slice etc				
Available Daily	Jacket Potatoes - various topping & Paninis				
Main	Daily Main Meal Options				

Home Bakes

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

1

Funfetti
Cookie
£1.00

Milk Choc
Cookie
£1.00

Choc Sprinkle
Cookie
£1.00

White Choc
Cookie
£1.00

Black & White
Shortbread
Cookie
£1.00

2

Flapjack
£1.00

Shortbread
£1.00

Vegan Jammy
Crumble Bar
£1.00

Chocolate
Shortbread
£1.00

Flapjack
£1.00

3

Chocolate
Brownie
£1.00

Marble Cake
£1.00

Vegan Sprinkle
Sponge
£1.00

Lemon Drizzle
Traycake
£1.00

Vegan
Chocolate
Brownie
£1.00



STREATERIES

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CARIBBEAN
fusion



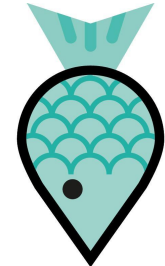
Plant
 POWER



Home
 STYLE



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 ASIAN



*Chips &
 more*

STREET

**Curried Coconut
 Chilli Chicken**
 Wholegrain
 Rice n Peas

**Homemade
 Spicy Falafel
 Flatbread**

**Glazed
 Gammon Roast**
 Yorkshire Pudding,
 Roast Potato & Gravy

**Low Salt & Chilli
 Chicken**
 Firecracker Rice

Choose from:
 Battered Fish
 Sausage
 Margherita Pizza
 Chicken Nuggets
 Chips & Gravy
 or Curry Sauce

VEGGIE

**Jamaican Black Eyed
 Peas Stew**
 Wholegrain
 Rice n Peas

**Plant Based Creamy
 Green Pea & Spinach
 Pasta**

**Root Vegetable
 & Bean Stew**
 Roast Spuds

Japanese Yakisoba
 (Japanese Stir Fried
 Noodles)

Choose from:
 Margherita Pizza
 Veggie Sausage
 Chips, Gravy or Curry
 Sauce

SIDES

Lime Dressed
 Slaw

Mixed
 Salad

Roast Carrots
 & Parsnip

Sweet Chilli Sticky
 Greens

Minty Peas or
 Baked Beans

WEEK 1

4/9, 25/9, 16/10, 6/11, 27/11, 18/12, 8/1, 29/01

STREATERIES

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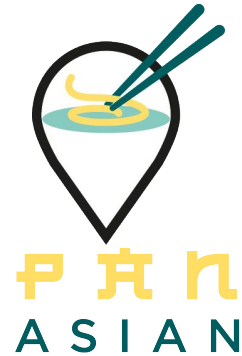



WEEK 2

WEEK 2	STREET	Spicy Chicken Dhansak	Tex Mex Burrito Bar Chipotle Chicken or Spicy Beef	Sticky Red Onion Sausages Roast Spuds & Gravy	Meatballs in Baharat Tomato Sauce	Choose from: Battered Fish Sausage Margherita Pizza Chicken Nuggets Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce
	VEGGIE	Indian Street Food Vada Pav Bhaji	Crispy Topped Mac n Cheese BBQ Drizzle & Crispy Onion	Veggie Bangers Cheesy Chive Mash	Cumin Chickpea & Vegetable Bake in Baharat Tomato Sauce	Choose from: Margherita Pizza Veggie Sausage Chips, Gravy or Curry Sauce
	SIDES	Wholegrain Rice & Kachumber Salad	Chunky Tomato Salsa Mexican Slaw	Carrots & Peas	Moorish Cous Cous & Green Salad	Minty Peas or Baked Beans

11/9, 2/10, 23/10, 13/11, 4/12, 25/12, 15/1, 5/2

STREATERIES



WEEK 3

WEEK 3	STREET	NY Deli Open Chicken Bagel American Mustard Slaw	Laab Moo (Spicy Thai Pork) Lime Wholegrain Rice	Creamy Chicken & Leek Pie Roasties & Gravy	Chicken Ruby Murray Yellow Rice	Choose from: Battered Fish Sausage Margherita Pizza Chicken Nuggets Chips & Gravy or Curry Sauce
	VEGGIE	Tex Mex Chipotle Sweet Potato & Lime Taco	Veggie Thai Style Noodles	Lentil & Onion Pie Roasties & Gravy	Chana Masala Yellow Rice	Choose from: Margherita Pizza Veggie Sausage Chips, Gravy or Curry Sauce
	SIDES	Hand Cut Wedges & Mustard Slaw	Wok Fried Oriental Veggies	Seasonal Mixed Vegetables	Kachumber Salad	Minty Peas or Baked Beans



Sir Robert Pattinson Tariff - Jan 2024

Item	Price	Item	Price
Lunch		Break & Hot Deli	
Meal Deal	£2.75	Popcorn	£0.30
Main Meal	£2.50	Buttered Toast	£0.40
Pasta Pot - Plain	£1.20	Pain au Chocolat	£1.30
Pasta Pot - Sauce	£1.95	Croissant	£1.50
Pasta Pot - Cheese	£2.20	Cheesy Garlic Slice	£0.70
Pasta Pot - Sauce & Cheese	£2.40	Double Cajun Potato Wedge	£0.50
Salad Pot	£2.00	Waffle	£1.00
Jacket Potato & Salad	£1.40	Hash Brown	£0.65
Jacket 1 Filling & Salad	£2.00	French Bread Pizza	£0.80
Jacket 2 Fillings & Salad	£2.40	Pizza Bagel	£1.10
Extra Jacket Filling	£0.65	Syrup Pancake	£0.85
Pizza Slice - Cheese	£1.20	Cheese & Tomato Twist	£0.75
Pizza Slice - Premium	£1.40	Chicken Nuggets (x3)	£1.20
Chips	£1.60	2x Chicken Wings	£1.50
Sauce Portion	£0.15	Single Sausage Bap	£1.55
Hot Chicken Burrito	£2.20	Battered Chicken Burger	£2.20
Cold Deli		Sausage Breakfast Wrap	£2.60
Sandwich - Basic Just Range	£2.00	Piri Piri Chicken Thigh Burger	£2.50
Sandwich - Premium Deli Range	£2.50	Breakfast Sausage Muffin	£2.60
Wrap	£2.60	Brunch Bean Pot	£2.10
Baquette	£2.60	Panini	£2.60
Cold Pasta Pots	£1.65	Hotdog, Mustard & Onions	£2.30
Sweet		Drinks	
Homebake	£1.00	Still Water Bottle 500ml	£0.85
Hot Pudding	£1.00	Flavoured Water 330ml	£1.00
Jelly Pot 5.5oz	£0.85	Roma Still 500ml	£1.00
Yoghurt Pot 5.5oz	£1.00	Milkshake	£1.00
Fruit Pot 5.5oz	£1.00		
Whole Fruit	£0.65	Blue Mountain Ice	£1.00
Premium Sweet	£1.30	Hydration Station	£1.00

£2.75 MEAL DEALS **Aspens**

MEAL DEAL 1

Sandwich or Pasta Pot + Homebake or piece of fruit + Source Drinks

3 ITEMS £2.75

SOURCE

SIMPLE

MEAL DEAL 2

Sandwich or Pasta Pot + Homebake or piece of fruit + Source Drinks

3 ITEMS £2.75

SOURCE

SIMPLE

MEAL DEAL 3

Daily Special Hot Meal of the Day + Homebake or piece of fruit OR Source Drinks

2 ITEMS £2.75

SOURCE

PREMIUM

MEAL DEAL 4

Hot Deli Dish of the Day + Homebake or piece of fruit OR Source Drinks

2 ITEMS £2.75

SOURCE

PREMIUM

