



Tibshelf Community School
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1st December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

As we reach December, it continues to be a busy time in school, and we look forwards to students continuing to be positive and hardworking up until the Christmas break. I include below some important events and reminders for our community.

Y11 Preparation for success

This evening will take place in school on Tuesday 5th December 5.00 p.m. and is aimed at our year 11 parents and students. It is a chance to look at revision schedules, strategies, and techniques with subject specialists leading students through how to revise for their subject. It is an invaluable source of support, and we hope that students and parents attend to ensure the very best progress this year.

Parent pay accounts

Cashless catering is a valuable tool that enables students and families to manage payments easily and monitor spending at food service times. It is vital that parents / carers closely monitor their child's account and ensure that there is money credited into the account for them to purchase food each day. A large number of students are regularly going over their account and into a 'lend' from school. Whilst we fully appreciate this may happen on occasion, it is leading to some students building large debts.

We want to support all families to ensure that we avoid this situation, and we are taking the following steps:

- A daily spend limit of £5.00 will be in place for all students. Please ensure that you discuss with your child how to manage their spend each day. Should you wish to increase this daily spend limit for your child then please contact us finance@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk
- For those students who receive free school meals, their account will be credited at lunchtime. This means that any spending at other food service times will need to be from a credited account.

I understand that the current climate is challenging for many families, and we want to support our students to ensure they are making healthy food and drink choices. If you are concerned and would like further support, please do get in touch with us to discuss ways in which we can help.

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If you think you may be eligible for free school meals then please go to the school website, (parents and carers – school meals) where you will find information about applying for free school meals as well as a menu and price list for food.

Staffing

I am very pleased to share the news with you that Mr Richard Penford has been appointed to the role of Assistant Headteacher. Mr Penford has been at Tibshelf School for a number of years as a teacher of science, a head of year and more recently Director of Personal Development. He is an outstanding teacher, and we are very pleased to welcome him to the senior leadership team from January.

We also have a sad farewell to say to Mrs Louise Crowder, who has been a member of staff at Tibshelf School for nearly 10 years. Mrs Crowder has been Assistant Headteacher and safeguarding lead and has contributed an outstanding amount to the community of Tibshelf. She has successfully gained promotion and will be taking up post as a Deputy Headteacher in January. Please join me in thanking her for her service to the school and wishing her the very best in her new role.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Yours Sincerely

Lucie Wainwright
Headteacher