



## THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD'S BLUECOAT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to announce that we will be introducing a new catering provider, Innovate, to our school from the start of next term, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Over the past few months, the school has been working hard securing bids and investment from numerous school catering providers. After several presentations, site visits and tender meetings we were delighted to be able to offer the contract to our new catering partners, Innovate, several weeks ago.

Over the past week I have been sharing the details of this new offer with students in assemblies, we will share more details during form time before the end of term. Innovate is committed to providing delicious, nutritious, and affordable meals for our students. They have a wealth of experience in school catering and have a strong focus on using fresh, high-quality ingredients.

To complement the new catering service, we will also be undertaking a refurbishment of our food service areas. This will ensure that our Conservatory and Deli facilities are modern, efficient, and more welcoming. Part of this refurbishment will take place ready for January, additional elements will be ready after the Easter break.

Some of the key benefits of this change include:

- A wider variety of meal choices, including plated hot main meals, sandwiches, salads, street food, hot and cold deli offers and snacks.
- More flexible meal options to cater for different dietary requirements, tastes and preferences.
- A seasonal menu offer that is updated regularly and reflects our students' preferences.
- Improved nutritional value of meals, with a focus on healthy eating. This includes a wide range of vegan and vegetarian food.
- Modernised food service areas to provide a more efficient and enjoyable dining experience for our students.
- A commitment from Innovate to work with the school to enhance sustainability and reduce the food waste.

We believe that this change will significantly improve the quality of meals and snacks offered at our school and will contribute positively to the overall well-being of our students.

*Always Faithful with Christ*

Attached to this communication are some summary leaflets from Innovate so that you can find out more about the offer available in the New Year.

It is important to note that the way that students pay for food items in school will not change. All credit balances that remain at the end of this term will be available for use with Innovate from January. However, it will streamline our transition process if credit is used up at the end of term. We highly recommend that parents/carers top up student accounts just before the start of the new term so that they can enjoy the new offer from the first day of the spring term.

If you have any questions or concerns about the new catering provider or the refurbishment of our food service areas, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr T Williams  
Headteacher