



THE HOLIDAY AND TERM DATES for 2008 / 09 have been printed overleaf.

CASHLESS SYSTEM

In our last newsletter we outlined our move towards use of more sophisticated technology in Diners. Basically, we will be operating a cashless system. This will work in the following way:

Pupils can bring money into Hollingworth. They would then go to one of two machines in Diners. They then identify themselves by their finger print and once this has been confirmed the pupils put money into the machine which is then credited to their account. When pupils are served either at morning, break or lunchtime, the amount they have spent is calculated and this amount is then deducted from that pupil's account (after they have again identified themselves with their finger print).

Parents can also pay money directly into pupil's accounts by using a cheque which the pupils should give directly to Mr Stretton in Diners.

There are many advantages to this new system:

- ◆ The queues in Diners will be speeded-up.
- ◆ Many pupils will not need to bring money into Hollingworth every day.
- ◆ All queues in Diners will be open to all pupils regardless whether they are taking free school meals or paying.
- ◆ No swipe cards or similar cards are necessary.

Eventually this system will be extended to our library.

Hollingworth guarantees that:

- ◆ Any information stored will not be passed on to any outside person or organisation.
- ◆ Any data held on the system will be fully erased when the pupil leaves Hollingworth.
- ◆ All pupil data stored in our computer systems has full security and it is available to parents should they wish to access it.

This new 'biometric technology' can be used **only** to validate a pupil's identity. It is stored as complex algorithms or number streams, from which it is currently technically impossible to recreate in actual finger print image. This protects against 'identity theft'. More details and assurance are available from www.cunninghams.co.uk.

To ensure the new system is running as smoothly as possible on Monday 5 November, we will be organising pupils to have their finger prints taken on the scanning machines during the week beginning Monday 22 October.

Please note that each day the machines used by pupils to pay money into will be emptied.

CASHLESS SYSTEM continued

There may be other questions you need answers to and if so, please initially contact the following people:

Year 7 pupils	Mrs J Thompson
Year 8 pupils	Mr N Spooner
Year 9 pupils	Mr M Hollis
Year 10 pupils	Mr M Farrell
Year 11 pupils	Mr L Ward

The pupils will be given information about these changes during the assemblies on Wednesday 17 and 24 October.

Later in November this new system will be available for parents to go on-line and pay money directly into pupils' accounts via their home computers. This system is called ParentPay.com which is a secure on-line service that allows parents to use either debit or credit cards. In addition, parents registered in this system will be able to access data about their son/daughter such as details about their spending in Diners (for example what food has been purchased). The details about this system will be available on our web site : **www.hollingworthbec.co.uk**. We will be also sending information to you via another newsletter after half-term.

HOLIDAY DATES REMINDER

Half Term	:	Monday 29 October 2007 – Friday 2 November 2007
College Re-opens	:	Monday 5 November 2007
Term Ends	:	Friday 21 December 2007
Xmas Holiday	:	Monday 24 December 2007 – Friday 4 January 2008
College Re-opens	:	Monday 7 January 2008
Half Term	:	Monday 11 February – Friday 15 February 2008
Term Ends	:	Thursday 20 March 2008
Easter Holiday	:	Friday 21 March 2008 to Friday 4 April 2008
College Re-opens	:	Monday 7 April 2008
May Bank Holiday	:	Monday 5 May 2008
Half Term	:	Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May 2008
College Closes	:	Friday 18 July 2008



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