

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

## School Canteen

We are excited to announce we have a new catering company who will be delivering our restaurant service for breakfast, break and lunch time. Please see welcome letter attached from ABM Catering along with menus.

We are confident the new service will provide quality fresh food all locally sourced, a quicker more streamlined service, along with other benefits such as all takeaway packaging being biodegradable. We are also moving away from single use plastic bottles, instead 'hydration stations' will be located in the canteen. Students will also be able to refill water bottles in the water fountains around school. Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school- we are currently in the process of ordering QEGS water bottles should students wish to buy one from the school rewards shop.

Meal deal prices from September will be £3 rather than £3.55. All Free School Meal students will still be entitled to their free school meal with the adjusted price of £3.

As you will see from the menus, we have a new 'street food' option which will allow students to 'grab and go' along with more traditional main meal options they can eat in the canteen should they wish. AMB also offer a variety of vegetarian/plant based and gluten free options. We want all students to enjoy the food on offer, we also want students to have maximum time possible to enjoy the food and socialise with friends. I will be conducting regular student voice on the new menus and queuing systems, using this to inform the catering team of positives and areas that need developing.

Should you have any feedback and questions please feel free to email me:

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Yours faithfully

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