

# WELCOME

FROM YOUR SCHOOL'S  
CATERING PROVIDER

**Taylor Shaw is the school caterer of choice for thousands of secondary school students across the UK.**

We believe lunch is an integral part of the school day. When students sit down with friends, they cement relationships, enhance social skills, and replenish both their body and mind.

Our menus are exciting, nutritious, and appealing, served in a supportive environment designed to educate students about how they can make healthy choices to support their wellbeing and improve their ability to focus.

We regularly introduce new concepts and dishes with strong street food influences that are familiar to students, from Global Flavours featuring amazing cuisines from around the world to Purple Pepper, our vegetarian and vegan inspired range.

## Allergen Management

At Taylor Shaw, all our colleagues are trained and up to date with allergen procedures and will provide accurate allergen information to your child.

We ask that your child speaks to our team if they want to know about specific allergens.

## Healthy Eating Promotion

Good nutrition choices are vital to students' health, academic achievement, and wider performance at school. Our Healthy Swaps campaign encourages the uptake of healthier items by providing suggestions for more nutritious options that are readily available.



## Theme Days

Keep an eye out for our regular theme days and Pop Ups featuring fantastic flavours for students to try including our Burrito Bar, Kati rolls, build a Burger, Wrap Bar & Waffle Bar!



## What's on the Menu

Our menus meet the Government's School food standards and meet the bronze Food for Life standards. 90% of meals are freshly prepared daily. Our service includes:

- ✓ **Club Breakfast** - filling & energising choices to start the day
- ✓ **Make your Break** - snacks and grab & go items
- ✓ **Lunch** - wide range of options; Star Dish, vegan and vegetarian and Hot to Go choices
- ✓ **Cold Grab & Go** - sandwiches, rolls & wraps, pasta pots and snacks
- ✓ **School Bakes** - homemade cakes, cookies, muffins and traybakes



## Meals Deal £2.35

Our meal deals are priced at £2.35 and include:

**Hot Meal Deal** - choose from any hot meal, homemade traybake or fruit pot

**Cold Meal Deal** - choose from any sandwich or baguette, homemade traybake or fruit pot



## Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Find out how to apply on your local authority's website or contact your school.

## An update from our Catering team at the School

March and April have been great months, with lots of new menu items, based on the feedback given at our student voice meetings.

We have seen the introduction of "Italian Monday" and "Breakfast Wrap Thursday" as well as keeping up with the favourites.

We have also run several events, including the king's coronation, Easter and comic relief. These have included a selection of savoury and sweet treats.

We have a "students' favourite" day coming on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May coming as well as healthy eating week towards the end of May.

Starting on 15<sup>th</sup> May we will be launching a range of fruit-based ice creams and lollies as well to keep the students cool on the hotter days.

From Your Chef Manager, Chris, and the catering team

## Meal Deals

Due to the price increases recently, we have launched a new range of meal deals at FSM allowance to ensure that everyone has a great selection of items available to them.

We now have the main meal & hot dessert, pasta pot & water, baguette & traybake, panini & fruit or a wrap & water as our packages to ensure there is a large selection of choice each day for only £2.35.

## Our Food – Millionaires Shortbread



## Eating a School Lunch is Better for Your Child

5 reasons school lunches are better:

- ✓ Save time & money
- ✓ Nutritionally better than a packed lunch
- ✓ Promotes a varied diet & encourages new tastes
- ✓ Inclusivity, dining with friends
- ✓ Help academic attainment by being linked to improved concentration

**Only 1% of packed lunches meet the nutritional standards that currently apply to school food.**

**Choosing a school meal could save you £11.70 per week.**

**AVERAGE SCHOOL MEAL COST £2.23**

**AVERAGE PACKED LUNCH COST £4.57**

A recent price comparison survey from School Health UK compared the cost of ingredients needed to provide a packed lunch from Asda, Tesco, Aldi, and Sainsbury's.

With retail food prices continuing to increase the comparisons showed packed lunches are 105% more expensive than school dinners.