

CATERING UPDATE!

March 2023



Dear Students, Teachers, Parents and the wider Hertswood community...

Culinera are delighted to provide the catering at Hertswood Academy. Culinera is an independently owned and independently operated catering company, established in 2020 with the aim of bringing about a new era in food. We create **school restaurants not canteens**; and offer a bespoke service to Hertswood.

We wanted to send this newsletter to let you know some of the things we have been up to and of course to remind you about the **fabulous food and fun** we have on offer at Hertswood!

Our team at Hertswood Academy, lead by our Executive Chef, Peter, have been hard at work to bring you the freshest and tastiest food they can. The team have loved hosting our recent Children in Need fund-raiser, Chinese New Year theme day and more recently our Valentines treats. There is plenty more fun to come so see the list on this page of upcoming theme days.

In order to bring you great food, we rely on fantastic people to come to work each day and deliver freshly prepared food. We invest in our teams to ensure they have the right skills, equipment and responsibly sourced quality ingredients to show case at lunch time. We have a strict no-packet mix rule, so everything is as fresh as it can be. Culinera are proud to offer a wide range of options each lunch time to meet the needs of every person - from our showcase main to delicious salads and bakes. We serve over 40 different items each day, so there is truly something for everyone! We serve:

- A wide selection of **grab and go items** including half sandwiches, baguettes, fruit pots, pudding pots, bakes and salads.
- A variety of **healthy, tasty main meals prepared from scratch every day** from carefully selected ingredients. The menu for this term is included with this newsletter! We also run Chef Special options that our team cook up based on what's available in the kitchen, and to try new things!
- Our new PURE range has loads of amazing **free-from choices**, including our very popular chocolate brownie which is made with non-gluten containing ingredients.
- Our salad bars are bursting with **homemade healthy salads**. All pre-boxed and ready to be collected.
- As we move into warmer months, you will be able to taste our increased range of salad boxes and lots of seasonal dishes.

Please keep scrolling to see more of what we have been up to!

THEME DAYS COMING UP AT HERTSWOOD

MARCH



APRIL



MAY



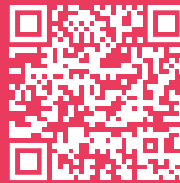
Keen to find out more? Visit our dedicated catering website - <https://www.hertswood.culinera.co.uk>



DID YOU KNOW?

- We operate a **breakfast service** before school every day!
- We operate an **after school service!** This is open after school every day - ideal to grab a deal on the way home or before heading to one of the many school clubs.
- We have **cold grab and go from 75p** and **hot food from just £1.50** every day!
- We have a **variety of meal deals!** Look out on the digital screens for the latest information.
- We have **theme days** twice per month!
- Sixth form have access to use our services all day!

SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK!



Once you have eaten with us, let us know what you think. Scan the QR code to tell us about your dining experience. We're always eager to hear your feedback on our service!

FOODIE FACTS!

- All our dishes are fresh and healthy, cooked from scratch by people who are passionate and really understand what they are doing!
- We offer awesome familiar favourites and exciting new dishes
- There is plenty of variety with a three week menu cycle
- We love to use fresh, seasonal ingredients
- Our own chefs prepare all meals to the highest standards
- We never add colourants or preservatives
- We can prepare meals for those with special dietary needs
- No need to pre-order, just visit the restaurant!

REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR ACCOUNT TOPPED UP

Please use the schools online payment service to top up your catering account. You can also login to view balances and items purchased. For those who don't currently have access to the online system, you can request an activation letter from the Finance Office or School Reception. Please see the Catering page of the school website for more information. In addition to this, Sixth Form and Staff can pay by contactless using credit/

YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO FREE MEALS

Your child may be eligible for a free school meal which could save you over £450 a year and gain additional funding for your school. To see if you qualify, visit

www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

For children entitled to the entitlement. They can choose any two items (regardless of price) for your allowance at lunchtime (just not two puddings!).

MEET PETER, YOUR EXECUTIVE CHEF



I've been a chef for over 20 years with a wealth of catering experience in both restaurant and hotel kitchens. I love working with food and see working for Culinera as a huge challenge to provide healthy nutritious food for all of the students.

Working in Hertswood Academy is my first experience of a school kitchen environment and I am really enjoying it. I have two young boys who take up a lot of my time when I'm not at work.

My favourite dishes to cook are dishes from the Far East and curries in particular. I love spicy dishes and enjoy creating new side dishes for my main courses.

FOOD AT HERTSWOOD ACADEMY



Home made Yorkshire puddings



Roast vegetable tarts



Our Showcase Main Course counter



Curry Thursday!



Frangos Chicken offer



Homemade Sourdough Pizza




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Showcase mains - Spring 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1					
Main 1	Ultimate mac and cheese bar  	Deep south slow cooked beef chilli with rice and spiced corn 	The great British roast, all the trimmings	Frangos peri chicken pita, garlic and lemon potato wedges	The full works! Culinera chip shop Vegan Fish Box  Fish Finger Wrap
Main 2	Roasted veggie bolognese  	Texas mixed bean chilli with rice and corn  	Market vegetable pie with all the roast trimmings 	Roasted peri pepper wrap, garlic and lemon potato wedges 	
MARKETPLACE STREET FOOD	Culinera calzone Jerk chicken rice box	Spicy wedges  Jalapeño corn muffins	Lollipop chicken Lebanese street sandwich	Patatas bravas  Giant chilli beef spring roll	
Pasta and Noodle bar	Daily specials including: Culinera classic, pesto, mac n cheese and vegetable ragu Soy, chilli and ginger, chow mein				
Pudding	Choc chip banana bread 	Toffee drizzle cake	Jam sponge with custard	Caramelised apple tart	Chocolate cake pops

TRY OUR **home-made SOUP**
with freshly baked bread

TAKE US HOME







Order and collect before you go home

LUNCH meal deal
Check what's on offer today!



HEALTHY APPETITE?
Why not try our *healthier options*

Menu Key

 Vegan  Vegetarian  Added Plant Power

HEALTHY APPETITE?

 Under 600kcal  Available after school  Smaller portions available  Reduced sugar recipe  Healthy eating points

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Week 2					
Main 1	Rich beef lasagne with roasted cauliflower and broccoli	Tandoori chicken curry with coriander rice	The great British roast, all the trimmings	Beef soft shell taco, Mexican rice, cheese and salad	The full works! Culinera chip shop Vegan Fish Box Fish Finger Wrap
Main 2	Mediterranean vegetable lasagne with roasted cauliflower and broccoli	Chickpea and spinach curry with coriander rice	Mature cheddar cheese and bean pasty with all the trimmings	Cajun peppers burrito, refried-beans, cheese and salad	
MARKETPLACE STREET FOOD	Potato croquettes	Beef keema naan	Dirty wedges	Cheese and tomato quesadilla	
	Mac and cheese bites	Onion Pakoras	Pizza toastie	Patatas bravas	
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Pudding	Sticky banooffee crunch	Warm Culinera brownie	Steamed treacle sponge with custard	Strawberry shortcake	Ice cream bar

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SOURDOUGH FRESHLY BAKED OPTIONS **every day**

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Main 1	Oven roasted British sausage and mash with onion gravy	Spicy Frangos marinated chicken with herb wedges	The great British roast, all the trimmings	Katsu chicken, fragrant rice, garlic and chilli broccoli	The full works! Culinera chip shop
Main 2	Oven roasted veggie sausage and mash onion gravy	Beetroot falafel wrap with potato wedges	Roasted British vegetable tart with all the trimmings	Veggie stir fried noodles, crispy Asian cracker	Vegan Fish Box Fish Finger Wrap
MARKETPLACE STREET FOOD	Patatas bravas Spicy chicken wrap	Bacon and cheese bagel Chilli, rice and cheese burrito	Giant yorkie and gravy Popcorn chicken	Bang bang cauliflower Hand cut chunky potato wedges	
Pasta And Noodle Bar	Daily specials including: Culinera classic, pesto, mac n cheese and vegetable ragu Soy, chilli and ginger, chow mein				
Pudding	Pink iced sponge	Chocolate cheesecake	Apple and mixed berry crumble with custard	Pancake bar	Ice cream sundae

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