

Dear Students, Teachers, Parents and the wider Rickmansworth School family...

I hope you are well and still smiling given all that has been going on. We know the past few months have been challenging for every single person and we know that everyone is keen to get back to normality. I wanted to write to you to hopefully give you something to look forward to.

The Rickmansworth School senior team have been really busy over the past couple of months running a rigorous selection process for a new caterer. We chose Culinera because we believe we can work in partnership together, to create a truly wonderful experience for you all.

About Culinera

Culinera is an independently owned and independently operated catering company, established with the aim of bringing about a new era in food. They create school restaurants not canteens; and offer a bespoke service to us at The Rickmansworth School.

You can find out more about Culinera on our new dedicated website rickmansworth.culinera.co.uk.



Topping up your account

Although we are changing to Culinera, we will be staying with SIMS Pay. This means you will continue to top-up online. For new students joining the school, you will receive communication with account activation details. Where you had a previous balance this has been transferred, so you still can use this after the Half Term Holidays. For those who don't currently have access to the SIMS Pay system, you can request an activation letter from the Finance Office by emailing bursar@rickmansworth.herts.sch.uk.

In addition to this, there will be the option to pay by contact-less using credit/debit card, Apple Pay and Android Pay for Sixth Form and The Rickmansworth School Staff.

From June we will moving away from cash on-site and the cash revaluation machine will **not be** active. You must top-up online using SIMS Pay or pay using credit/debit card (staff and sixth form only).

The Food Offer

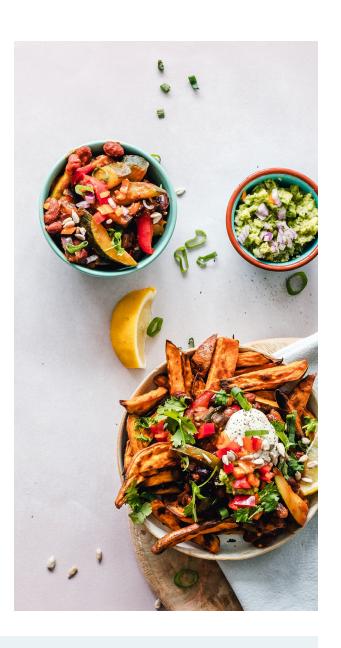
Culinera are really excited to launch the new restaurant service, but whilst we are adhering to social distancing measures the service will be reduced, however still packed with flavour. You will be able to choose from a wide range of hot and cold options which have been freshly cooked in the kitchen by the great team. Options include stretched 'sourdough' pizza, hot pots and layered desserts.

Coming soon...

We cannot wait to welcome you back in June. We will be working hard over the holidays to refresh the restaurant, recruit some new faces to bring a fresh approach to food and we also have plans to test a pre-ordering app later in the term, so keep your eyes and ears open for this!

Free School Meals?

You will continue to be eligible for the £1.10 allowance at breakfast/break and £2.30 at lunchtime. At breakfast/break you can choose any one item (regardless of price) for your allowance at lunchtime you can choose any two items for your allowance (just not two cakes!)



Reassuring you during the Coronavirus pandemic

We have worked hard with our teams, suppliers and Culinera to ensure that we have a secure and safe way to bring tasty food to you. Some of the safety measures Culinera have put in place include:



FOLLOWING LATEST GOVERNMENT ADVICE

To keep our kitchens safe



TEAM UNIFORMS

Only worn within the restaurant



DAILY HEALTH DECLARATIONS

Completed by team members



PPE PROVIDED

Where necessary and advised



INCREASED HAND WASHING

Min 20 secs, every 20 mins



ENHANCED CLEANING PROCEDURES

Washing surfaces regularly



SMALLER TEAMS

To support social distancing



FOOD ZONES

Food will be served in zones to adhere to social bubbles

