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5 September 2025



Welcome to Year 7!

Dear Parents and Carers

On behalf of all of us at Chulmleigh College, welcome back! We have been so pleased to see the pupils return to school and the first two days of this new academic year have been calm and focused. Pupils have produced great work already. I have shown a number of prospective pupils around the school this week and it has been notable how well lessons have restarted, our visitors have been very impressed. It seems clear that pupils have recharged batteries very well and are embracing the new school year and the opportunities that await.

I have written to parents and carers today about the start of the new year but once again reiterate how thrilled we are with the strength of our GCSE results this summer. We are incredibly proud of how well pupils did in Year 11 last year and expect that these results are





in line with the outcomes of the previous year, which placed our school within the top 3% of schools nationally for achievement and certainly amongst the top schools in the county. None of this is possible without the support of the families of the pupils of this school and our highly experienced and able staff. We recognise that to be successful, we all need to work together well and this is such a strength of our school.

Some headlines from the results:

82% of children secured at least a grade 4 in English and Mathematics.

61% of children secured at least a grade 5 in English and Mathematics.

The average grade in the school was 5.4.

25% of all grades were awarded at grade 7 or above.

80% of all grades were awarded at grade 4 or above.

62% of children achieved the English Baccalaureate at grade 4 and above.

46% of children achieved the English Baccalaureate at grade 5 and above.

On all measures we compare well above national and county average, across the board we anticipate that these will be amongst the strongest results in the South of England for a non-selective and non-fee-paying school.

Next week, I am looking forward to making awards in the Scholar Assemblies. These first Scholar Assemblies recognise outstanding effort displayed in the final half term of the last academic year and I am particularly looking forward to showing our Year 7 pupils what they are working towards. Hard work really does bring self-esteem, pride and reward – I look forward to seeing more and more pupils achieve in this way.

A reminder, if you have not already, to check you still have access to Classcharts. This is the way you can monitor your child's homework and behaviour and is a really good tool in keeping a dialogue with your child about school ongoing. More information can be found on the whole-school 'Beginning of Term' letter.

Mr Payne
Headteacher

Ms Thorncroft

I am Ms Thorncroft, the new Deputy Headteacher at Chulmleigh and also a teacher of Modern Foreign Languages. I am really excited to be involved in all aspects in school life and ensuring that the curriculum, both pastoral and academic, challenges and engages the pupils so that they excel and flourish.



Mrs Morgan, Head of Expressive Arts

I am Mrs Morgan, and am very excited to begin my new chapter as Head of Expressive Arts and Teacher of Drama. I have had a varied teaching career across Devon over the last 21 years, teaching Drama, Music, Dance and Performing Arts as well as other responsibilities such as Head of Year and PSHE Lead. The welcome from staff and pupils at Chulmleigh College has been so warm and I am looking forward to adding to this positivity and continuing to champion the Arts for all. I live in Crediton with my husband, 2 growing children and stepson, and Jack Russell Otis, who greets me every evening when I get home with a sock!



Mr Smith, Teacher of Computer Science

I am Mr Smith, the new teacher of Computer Science. I have a history of working in IT before becoming a teacher nearly 18 years ago. I love computing, but also love the outdoors, surfing, walking on the moors and making music in my small studio at home.

I am really looking forward to meeting all my classes and working with such amazing young people and staff.



Mrs Tillings, SEND & Transition Officer

I am Mrs. Tillings and I am the new SEND and Transition Officer. I can be found in the office next to the learning support base. I will be here to assist parents and pupils, supporting the SEND department and any pupils who may need a little extra support throughout their transition from primary school.

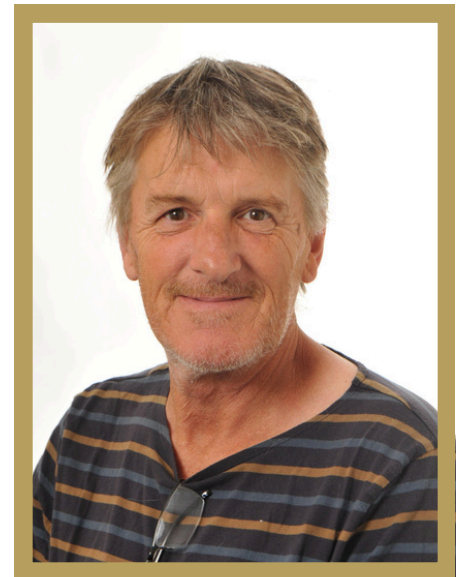


Mr Tillings, Design & Technology Technician

After nearly 40 years in the Printing industry redundancy gave me the opportunity to find myself as Caretaker and then Site Manager of an Infant and Junior school.

My Wife, an English Teacher, and I then decided to look for something out of the city. Although still returning for Portsmouth's home games! We have now been living in Chulmleigh for about 14 months and fortuitously there were two vacancies which arrived in the last school year.

I have 3 daughters who are all out of University now and one grandson to justify my greying temples.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS AT CHULMLEIGH COLLEGE

We are very lucky to have a team of seven high quality instrumental music teachers that visit the College each week. We are able to offer lessons on Strings, Woodwind, and Brass instruments as well as piano, keyboard, guitar, drums and singing.

We currently have over 100 pupils a week having lessons. If you would like your child to start lessons on an instrument or if they have already had lessons in their primary school and wish to continue can you please visit the PARENTS section on the school website and follow the link for CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES, you will then see a section about instrumental music lessons and an online form to fill in to express your interest or follow this link:

[Online Application Form](#)

Our teachers get very booked up and only have limited time available to them so where there is a high demand lessons are offered on a first come first served basis.

Any questions or queries please contact me at the College and I will do my best to answer or steer you to the right place.

Mr Miners, Teacher of Music



Neill Cameron & Tanya Landman

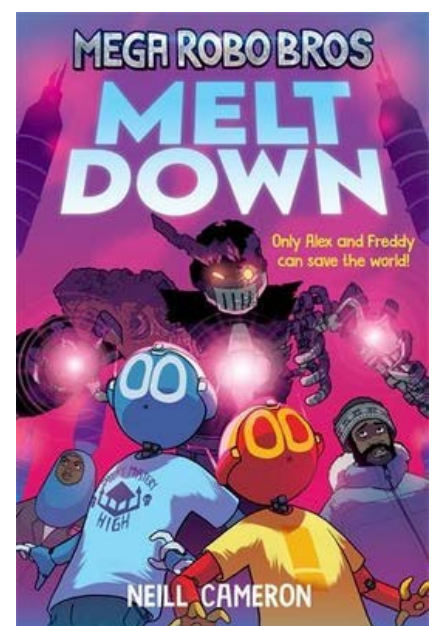
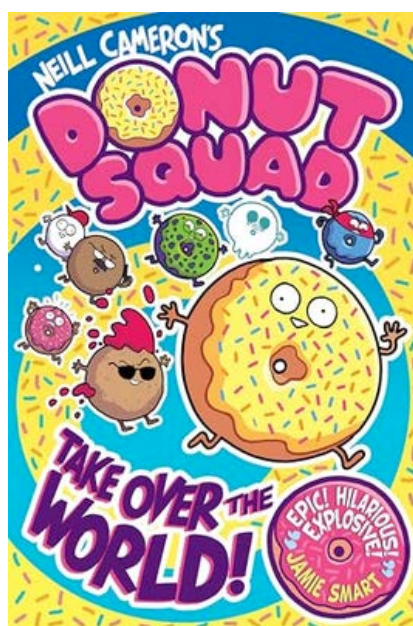
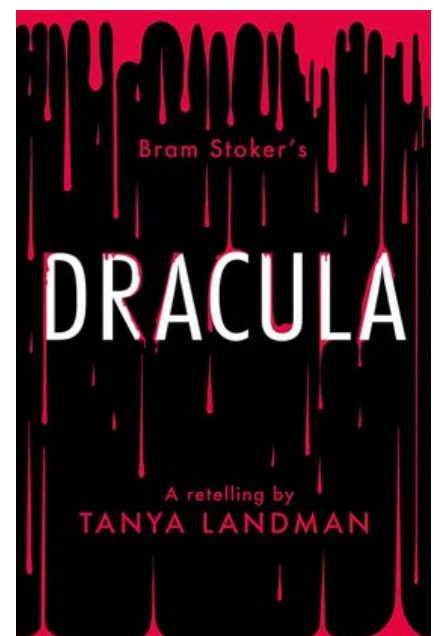
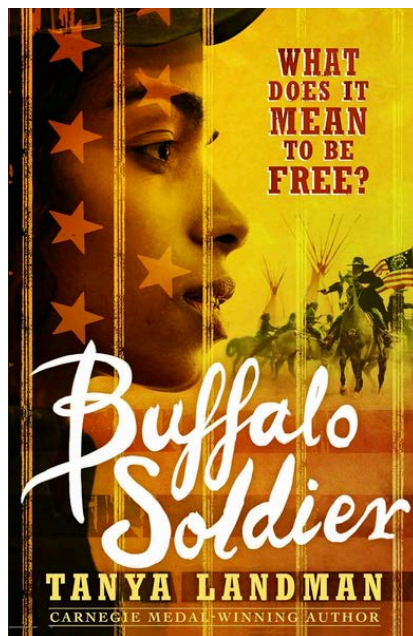
More writers coming to Chulmleigh!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming two authors in September as part of the Appledore Book festival, to work with our KS3 pupils. Tanya Landman (<https://tanyalandman.com>), is a Carnegie Medal-winning teen fiction writer, and Neill Cameron, a cartoonist and writer famed for his work on the popular comic The Phoenix

We can't wait to get creative with with these inspiring writing professionals! If you haven't done so already please do pick up one of their books from our library and get reading!

You can also get a 25% reduction on any of their books from Barnstaple Waterstones, if you mention that they are visiting Chulmleigh as part of the book festival. I am currently looking to see if we can get some of her books onto MyEd (with the same 25% reduction) so that you can order direct through us – so watch this space!

Paddy Garrett, Writing Literacy Coordinator

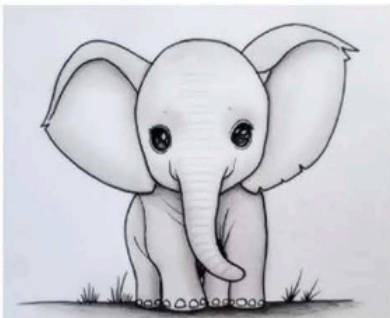




Competition Time!



HT6 Theme: **Animals**



Ideas:

A day in the life of a...

Written from the POV of a...

The night I transformed into a...

How to look after a...

Please submit your art piece to **Mr Tomlin in T2**, or your written piece to **Mr Garrett in E7**, by **Monday 20th October**.

First Prize:

Art Stuff!

First Prize:

£10 amazon voucher!

Create a piece of **art** (any form from a drawing to a collage).

Write no more than 500 words (any form, from poetry to a story).



Chulmleigh Head Boy in Cycling Success!

On Thursday 14 August Olly Finney took part in the North Devon Velo Club 10 mile time trial championship. We are pleased to report that Olly won the under 16 section and was presented with a trophy and gifts from ex-Team Sky, Commonwealth Games and Tour de France cyclist Alex Dowsett who came from Essex to watch the race. Olly came 7th fastest out of all the competitors in the race.

Our massive congratulations to Olly!





Chulmleigh College

Open Events

**Choosing a secondary school
for September 2026 entry?
Find out why we have such a
great reputation.**



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Open Evening

Thursday 25 September 2025
4.30pm to 7.00pm

- Tours of the College
- Interactive activities
- Showcasing of pupils' work
- Address by Neil Payne, Headteacher, at 6.30pm

Open Mornings

Tuesday 30 September or
Thursday 2 October 2025
11.15am - 1.00pm

Come and see the College in
action

- Tours of the College
- Meet the Senior Leadership Team



To book please visit: www.chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk

Or click on the links above

We look forward to meeting you!





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Careers

OPEN EVENT



Bicton College

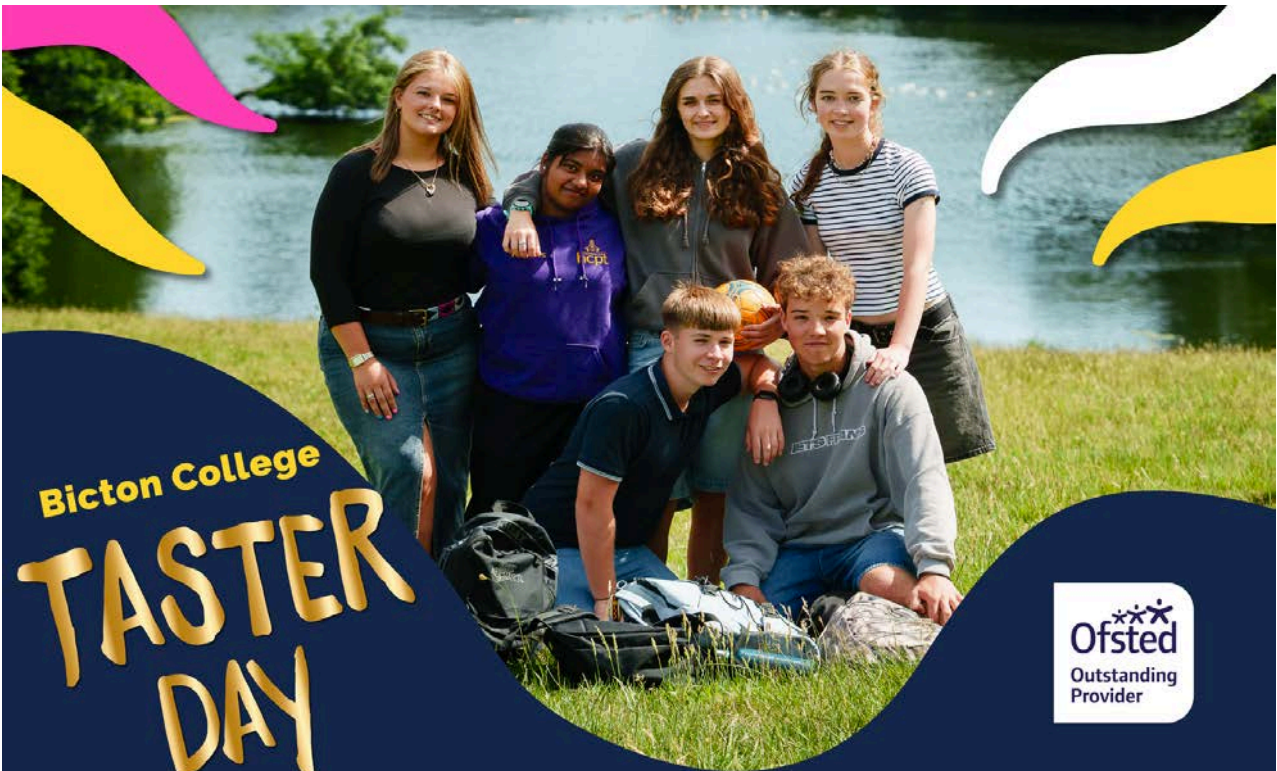


SAT 4 OCT

10AM-12PM



FIND OUT MORE



Bicton College TASTER DAY



MON 27 OCT

10AM-3.30PM

Try a subject before you apply. Register by visiting bicton.ac.uk





Chulmleigh College

Careers

State-funded sixth form

for **able** mathematicians

from **South West England**

Bursary supported boarding



TASTER DAY

FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Sign up to one of our free Saturday Taster Days to find out more about our school and to experience our **exciting** and **challenging** curriculum!

Choose from one of five events

4 October AM

4 October PM

18 October AM

18 October PM

29 November PM

Catchment area now including Bristol, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire

Find out more at bit.ly/EMSadmissions



SIGN UP HERE



admissions@exeterms.ac.uk | 01392 429020 | bit.ly/EMStaster25



Chulmleigh College

Join Our Team



TEACHING ASSISTANT at Chulmleigh College

Temporary, 30 hours per week term time only

Required from October 2025

Closing date:

10 am Monday 22 September 2025

Interview Date:

Monday 29 September 2025

The candidate pack and application form are
available on our website:

www.chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk

To be emailed to:

personnel@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk

Printshop

Full Colour Photocopying

from only 25p per A4 sheet

Black & White Budget Printing

Single-sided from 5p per A4

Double-sided from 8p per A4

Minimum of 50 copies per master

Magazines, Posters, Invitations, Leaflets,
Compliment slips, Flyers etc

All designed to your specifications

Binding - Laminating

A professional service with the personal touch

Join Our Monthly Adult Reading Group

The Secret Book Quest

Our exciting new reading challenge is here,
for children aged 5 and up

Stationery Shop in the Library

Ballpoint Pen	10p	Compass	40p
Pencil	10p	Purple Pen (for response to marking)	30p
Eraser	10p	Book Wallets	30p
Pencil Sharpener	10p	Pack of 12 Colouring Pencils	£1.25
Protractor	15p	Clear Pencil Case	£1.00
15cm Ruler	15p	Gum Shield	£1.85
A5 Exercise Book	30p	Scientific Calculator	£13.50
Highlighter Pen	50p	Replacement Planner	£3.75
30cm Ruler	30p	Revision Study Cards	90p

550ml Chulmleigh College Purple Water Bottle with Straw £2.75

Exam Case £1.50

clear pencil case containing 2 black ballpoint pens, pencil, eraser, pencil sharpener, highlighter pen and 30cm ruler



All our Stationery is available for order through MyEd our online payment system and to be collected in the Library



Chulmleigh College PTFA



PTFA Chulmleigh PTFA aims to support the school by raising funds throughout the year. This is done in various ways from cake stalls to preloved uniform sales. If you would like to get involved we would love to hear from you - many hands make light work!

Did you know that the PTFA stocks new school ties Dart (red); Mole (green); Taw (blue); and Yeo (purple). Each tie is available to purchase via MyEd for £6, your child can collect their new tie from Reception.

We also have a supply of preloved uniform. Ties and uniform can be purchased by completing this [form](#). You can contact us by emailing PTFA@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk

Chulmleigh College

PTFA

Parents, Teachers, Friends Association



AGM

Annual General Meeting

MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2025

18:00

Dartridge Hall
Chulmleigh College
Chulmleigh EX18 7AA

Please join us to find out more about how we work together for all our children



HELP YOUR SCHOOL RECEIVE EXTRA FUNDING

**Plus £30 TOP-UP FOR SUCCESSFUL
NEW APPLICANTS!**

ARE YOU IN RECEIPT OF **ONE OR MORE** OF THE FOLLOWING **BENEFITS?**

If you are, please apply online for **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**.

IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE TO APPLY, but your school may receive **EXTRA FUNDING**. Successful **NEW** applications made between **01.07.25** and **01.10.25** will receive a £30 MyEd+Pay account top-up.

ELIGIBLE BENEFITS:

- Universal Credit
- Income-based and contribution-based JSA or ESA on an equal basis
- Income Support (IS)
- Income based jobseekers allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (IRESA)
- Child Tax Credit
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

*It takes less than a minute
to apply.*

Visit: [https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/
CCSCitizenPortal](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal) **LIVE**
or call the Education Helpline on
0345 155 1019

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY IS A **CURRENT** OR **PAST** MEMBER OF **THE ARMED FORCES**

Your school can receive **EXTRA FUNDING** if a parent has served any time in the last 6 years, or is in receipt of pensions under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS)

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN **ADOPTED CHILD**, A **RESIDENCE ORDER**, OR A **SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP ORDER**

Your school can receive **EXTRA FUNDING**.

*If you have any queries, please speak to
the admin staff at your school.
Any information shared will be treated
confidentially.*



CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST

School Terms and Holiday Dates - 2025/2026 Academic Year

	September					October					November				December				January				February																	
College Week	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1								
Monday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	2	9	16	23	3	10	17	24				
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- Bank Holidays**
- 25 December 2025
 - 26 December 2025
 - 01 January 2026
 - 03 April 2026 (Good Friday)
 - 06 April 2026 (Easter Monday)
 - 04 May 2026 (May Day)
 - 25 May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)
 - 24 August 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Non-Pupil Days

Five days selected from within the term dates to be determined by the Board of Directors

- School Holidays**
- Occasional Holidays**
- Two days selected from within the term dates to be determined by the Board of Directors

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AUTUMN MENU · WEEK ONE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Breakfast Brunch with Bacon, Sausages, Hash Browns and Beans	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread & Salad	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Parsnips, Carrots and Cabbage	Chicken, Ham & Sweetcorn Pie with New Potatoes, Salad & Coleslaw or Garden Peas	Jumbo Fish finger Sandwich with Lettuce, tartare sauce, New Potatoes and Garden Peas
	Vegetarian Breakfast Brunch with Quorn Sausage, Tomatoes & Beans	Vegetable Soft Shell Taco with Salad & New Potatoes	Chickpea and Sweet Potato Bake with Roast Potatoes, Parsnips, Carrots and Cabbage	Cheese and Onion Quiche with New Potatoes, Coleslaw or Garden Peas	Veggie Finger Sandwich with New Potatoes and Garden Peas
	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes	Themed Menu Day	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes	Themed Menu Day	Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes

HOMEBAKES, FRUITPOTS, DESSERTS & PASTA PIES

Available daily

FRESHLY PREPARED SANDWICHES & BAGUETTES

Available daily

BAKED JACKET POTATOES WITH A SELECTION of fillings

HOMEMADE SOUP OF THE DAY WITH BREAD

We are pleased to offer a variety of allergen free options on our food menu. Although all food is prepared in a kitchen that handles most allergens and therefore we cannot guarantee that cross contamination will never occur, we do take every possible precaution to prevent this from happening.



AUTUMN MENU · WEEK TWO

Main ONE

Beef Chilli Con Carne with Rice, Nachos, Cheese, Guacamole & Sour Cream

Main TWO

Vegetarian 5 Bean Chilli with Nachos, Cheese, Guacamole & Sour Cream

Pasta BAR

Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes

TUESDAY

Steak & Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potato, Garden Peas & Carrots

Falafel Wraps with Mashed Potato, Carrots & Peas

Themed Menu Day

WEDNESDAY

Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, Parsnips, Carrots and Cabbage

Homity Pie with Roast Potatoes, Parsnips, Carrots and Cabbage

Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes

THURSDAY

Chicken Burger with Wedges & Peas or Salad & Coleslaw

Plant Based Burger with Wedges & peas or Salad & Coleslaw

Themed Menu Day

FRIDAY

Breaded Fish with Roasted New Potatoes & Peas or Beans

Vegetable Fajita with Roasted New Potatoes & Peas or Beans

Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes

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AUTUMN MENU · WEEK THREE

Main ONE

CURRY DAY
Chicken Biryani with Rice & Naan

Main TWO

Cauliflower, Chickpea & Butternut Squash Korma with Rice & Naan

Pasta BAR

Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes

TUESDAY

Sweet and Sour Chicken with Rice, Sweetcorn & a Pineapple Chilli Salsa

Singapore Noodles

Themed Menu Day

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Parsnips, Carrots and Cabbage

Broccoli & Cheddar Quiche with Roast Potatoes, Parsnips, Carrots and Cabbage

Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes

THURSDAY

Chipolata Sausage & Mash with Gravy, Carrots & Peas

Vegetarian Sausage & Mash with Gravy, Carrots & Peas

Themed Menu Day

FRIDAY

Salmon Bites or Fish Fingers served with Diced Potatoes and Beans

Halloumi Stuffed Pepper with Diced Potatoes and Baked Beans

Pasta Bar & Jacket Potatoes

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PRICE LIST

TOAST (Morning Break)	£0.41	CEREAL (Morning Break)	£0.41
MAIN MEAL	£2.20	PIZZA SLICE	£1.50
MEAL DEAL (MAIN MEAL & HOMEBAKE OR PASTA & HOMEBAKE)	£2.61	SOUP & ROLL	£1.15
SALAD BOX	£2.15	SNACK ITEMS	£0.75
PASTA BAR	£2.00	ROLL & BUTTER	£0.60
GRAB & GO	£1.95	PASTY	£2.00
JACKET POTATO (1 FILLING)	£1.65	ETON MESS	£1.25
JACKET POTATO (2 FILLINGS)	£2.15	CHEESECAKE	£1.25
BAGUETTES	£1.95	FRUIT POT	£1.25
PANINIS	£1.95	YOGHURT POT	£0.95
1/2 PANINI	£1.00	JELLY POT	£0.95
SANDWICHES	£1.90	MUFFIN	£1.20
WRAPS	£1.90	HOMEBAKE	£0.90
		TAKEAWAY BOX	£0.15

