



A Selective Girls' Grammar School with Academy Status

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The Live Date for the new Cashless System is: 27th April 2015

Dear Parent

We are pleased to announce that Queen Mary's High School in collaboration with our catering providers Alliance in Partnership, is installing a cashless catering system in April this year. The new system will allow us to continue with the development of the school meal service, and will provide us with a more efficient, faster and ultimately better quality of service.

This system incorporates the latest technology and eliminates the need for pupils to carry cash throughout the day, reducing the risk of money going astray. It is also biometric (see FAQ's) so there is no need for pupils to carry a card as the system will recognise the thumb of your child at the revaluation pay points and at the tills.

We will commence operating the system on 27th April 2015 and as such no cash will be accepted at the Till Points after this date.

All students and staff will be given training on how to use the system.

Any amount of money can be paid into a pupil's account, and any money spent on food & drink will be deducted on a daily basis.

We have three payment options available to you – **online payments, coin and note payments at the revaluation pay-points, and by cheque.** All payment options are explained within the FAQ's attached.

A daily 'spend limit' of £5 will be programmed into the system. This can be increased or decreased for an individual student by making a written request to the school finance office.

As per current legislation we will be operating an 'Opt In' policy for the Biometric System and therefore require you to complete the attached form. If you choose not to have your child registered on the Biometric System a 4 digit PIN Code will be allocated. Please note that PIN Codes do not have the same level of security and it will be your child's responsibility to remember the code and keep it secure at all times.

The attached information should answer any questions you may have but if you have any further questions, you can contact Sadie Holloway, our Alliance in Partnership Area Manager on 07814404946 to discuss.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Simkiss
Finance Principal

