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Principal Alan Salt

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Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope this short update finds you well, and that you are looking forward to what looks like a sunny bank holiday weekend and half term break.

It seems to have been a busy term as ever - losing those days to bank holidays and industrial action has left us with the same amount to do in even less time! As ever, it has been great to see how students and staff continue to work together. In particular, staff going the extra mile to support Y11 and Y13 in exam preparation, whilst continuing to teach great lessons and capably look after the other year groups has been amazing.

Here are a couple of reminders and **an important update about how to pay** for your young person's school meals:

1. **Parent Pay replacing WEDUC**

As part of continually looking to improve our IT systems, we are making a change over the half-term break to how you pay for food in school.

We are moving to the **ParentPay** platform. All students have already provided their biometric credentials in school so that their accounts will be ready to use when they come back after half-term. Your child's current balance will transfer across from WEDUC to ParentPay automatically.

Following lunch today we have disabled the option to add funds to your child(s) account in WEDUC. By Wednesday 31st May you will receive an activation letter to your email address with simple instructions on how to add funds to your young person(s) account for food. If you have trouble setting up your account, or do not receive an activation letter by 1st June, please email finance@educationsouthwest.org.uk with your query. Please include KEV [Student's name] [year group] in the subject of the email and the team will get back to you as soon as possible.

Included below is a link to the ParentPay help site for Parents and Carers, should you wish to look in more detail at how the platform works:

<https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/sections/6089568194577-Parents-and-guardians>

During the summer holidays in August we will also be migrating Trips, Clubs and other payments to ParentPay, but in the meantime you should continue to use the Weduc platform for those items.

2. **Y11 and Y13 Study Leave and Exams**

It was emotional as always to hold leavers' events today for our fantastic Y11 and Y13 cohorts! Just a reminder that as of 5 June, usual timetabled lessons for these students cease. However, we continue to offer Y11 scheduled revision sessions and Y13 students are welcome to study in Kennicott library if they wish.

3. Y10 Tutor Meetings

Just advance notice that we have Y10 tutor meeting slots open for booking for the first Wednesday back, 7 June.

I hope you all have a great weekend and a good half term holiday.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Salt', with a stylized, cursive script.

Alan Salt
Principal