



## BREAKS AND LUNCHTIMES

### **Are the pupils allowed out of school at break and lunchtime?**

Generally no, although some parents ask if their child can go home or to another specified address at lunchtime, and once this has been checked the pupils are provided with a photo-id pass. No pass = no exit! The local police are aware of this policy and random and/or focused checks are made both by them and school staff.

### **What time are break and lunch?**

Break is from 11.10 until 11.25, and lunch is from 1.25 until 2.00

### **Is food and drink available at break as well as lunchtime?**

Absolutely. See the FAQ Factsheet which gives more information about the canteen.

### **What can the children do?**

Apart from getting the chance to get something to eat and drink, there is a range of things to get involved in at lunchtimes. Several sporting activities take place, the Library is usually open, there are clubs such as chess, music, art and drama, and many teachers run extra lessons, revision, or coursework sessions especially in the run up to GCSE exams. Many will choose to just relax or organise their own games. Ball games must of course be played only in the appropriate areas, away from cars and windows.

### **Where can they go?**

Pupils need to keep away from the car parks and the school driveway, and the grounds beyond the ATP are out of bounds. Otherwise anywhere outside within the site boundaries, and there are designated indoor areas too. The PA is open throughout lunchtime. In the winter months children must keep off the grassed areas. Pupils may not be in classrooms unless supervised by a member of staff.



### **Can they use phones?**

Yes. We discourage bringing these into school however- especially expensive ones- as we cannot accept responsibility for loss, theft, or damage. Please note that inappropriate use of the phone will result in it being confiscated.

### **Who supervises?**

Teachers are on duty during both sessions, and we employ midday supervisors at lunchtime. Prefects also have some responsibility to monitor behaviour.

### **Can teachers keep pupils behind at break or lunchtime?**

Yes. Normally however this would not for the whole of a session. Even in an extreme case where a pupil might be in isolation for example, time is always allowed for food, drink and time off, even if it is away from other pupils. Infringement of school rules or poor behaviour at lunchtimes may result in separate arrangements being made.

***See also our FAQ Factsheet on The Canteen***