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LONGER LUNCH BREAK PROVES A HIT WITH YEAR 7s

MOBILE PHONE CRACKDOWN BEGINS

Year 7 students who take their phones out at school risk having them confiscated until the end of the day, as part of a new crackdown on their use in school, **writes an Observer reporter.**

"Staff have been told to confiscate any phone that is 'out' and visible in school", says Mr Cavanagh.

"Phones should be in blazers and, most importantly, out of sight."

A number of Year 7 students have had their phones confiscated and have had to collect them from the front office at the end of the day.

BIGGER, BETTER SCIENCE FAIR LAUNCHES IN SIX WEEKS

There is a new science fair coming up, **writes Elizabeth Finley.**

It's bigger, funner, and more people are welcome to come along.

The school has invited other schools to join in. The Science Fair is coming up on 18 March so students have six weeks to prepare.

The grand prize is £100 to whoever wins the Science Fair with a price of £50 for second place and £25 for third place. So do your best and GOOD LUCK!!!

YEAR 10 WORK FROM HOME DUE TO COVID

Year 10 students were asked to work from home on 4 February as a result of teacher shortages, **writes an Observer reporter.**

The decision was taken by the headteacher Mr Cavanagh because many staff are unable to come in to school after testing positive for Covid.

"We are sorry for any inconvenience" explained Mr Cavanagh. "All classwork will be posted on Google Classroom."

BY KEELEY-ELISE SHIELD



Longer lunches: Cavanagh

Year 7s have reacted positively to a timetable change that means students gain an additional 25 minutes for lunch every day.

The changes, which are part of a trial, were introduced on 31 January and involve all lessons being shortened to 55 minutes.

"It's a great idea", said one student. "It's lovely that we get to have a longer lunch time."

But not all students are fans of the changes. The new timetable means Year 7s have to wait until 1pm to eat their lunch. "It's annoying that we have to wait a bit longer", said another student. "And I don't like how we have to sit with the Year 10s."

The new timetable has been designed to give students more time to socialise. "Children have been out of school for long periods of time due to Covid," explained Mr Cavanagh.

"Our long-term plan is to roll out lunchtime extra-curricular clubs so that students enjoy more time with their friends," he added.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT GETS THE 'AX'

BY MIRKO CUCCHIARA



With its scaly skin and furry features, an axolotl is unlikely to win any beauty contests.

But that has not stopped the Science Department from bringing one of the amphibians to Kemnal.

The department is calling on Year 7 students to help name the tiny creature, which can grow up to 20 centimetres in length.

"Coco" is currently in the lead with 29 votes, with "Axol" running a close second on 26. "Jeremy" is in a distant third position, with ten votes.