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Dear Parents

At a Parent's Forum during the course of this year, it was agreed that I be given the latitude to negotiate a better deal with KKS, our caterers, requesting more food, more often and a better quality at the same price!

With careful negotiation we have succeeded in realigning the model with a set margin of profit and a set budgeted food cost. Once this had been achieved, a number of meetings were set up, to listen to the likes and dislikes of the pupils, mindful that it is not possible to satisfy all of the individual needs and a majority agreement was reached.

A new specification and menu was set up and will be implemented in 2010. Next year, and particularly in the first term, we will monitor the new system very closely, with a food committee which will be made up of the following; Head Boy and Head Girl, Head of each Boarding House, the Senate, KKS, Dr Walker and myself, in the beginning. This avenue may be utilised to voice your concerns.

One of the very obvious areas that came up very strongly was that the boarding pupils were hungry and thirsty after sport and school at 16.30 as well as after prep at night. We have confirmed with the caterer that a snack and a drink at those times can be provided at an additional cost.

This request was finalised a bit too late to be included into this year's budget which determines boarding fees for next year. We would like to propose that if agreed by the majority, an extra levy of R162.00 per pupil per term be charged on the boarders account to facilitate this. Please forward your response to the Business manager on nlambrechts@uplandscollege.org

Yours sincerely

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