101 reasons for having school meals at Hitchin Girls' School

Our Eating place

1 Relaxed environment

2 Large and small group tables

3 Posters and artwork on the walls

4 Social group seating

5 Flowers on tables

6 White plates

7 Range of cutlery

8 Screened areas

9 Eating area separate from servery

10 Choice of seating

Our Food

11 Food presented well

12 Nutritional standards met

13 Range of style of eating (snack /salad/main meals)

14 Price of fruit reduced

15 Tap water in jugs on tables

16 Bottled water price cut

17 Always 3 vegetable choices

18 Affordable meals

19 Food to go and eat in

20 Easy to pay – via smart card

Our Catering Staff

21 Friendly Staff

22 Smart Uniforms

23 Well trained

24 Support Healthy Eating

25 Proud of their food

26 Able to organise the pupils

27 Work as a team

28 Valued as part of school staff

29 Commit to quality school food

Our Catering Manager

30 Award winning

31 Inventive

32 Team worker

33 Constantly adapting menus

34 Good food ideas

35 Caters for various school occasions

36 Caters for INSET days

37 Ensures culturally diverse meals

38 Caters for choice

39 Listens to the pupils

Our Food Experiences

40 Year 6 parents invited to try meals

41 Year 8 buddy lunchtime with Yr 7

42 Choices always available

43 Healthy eating guidelines on wall

44 Teachers eat with the pupils

45 Healthy eating education

46 Menu always displayed

47 Prices clearly shown

48 Senior pupils eat alongside juniors

49 Extra long lunchtime for New Year 7

Our School and Food

50 School Council food committee

51 Food is an important part of school life

52 The ethos is to 'eat enough for health'

53 Ensure all pupils access food

54 Has a dedicated dining area

55 Monitors the school meals

56 Listens to pupils requirements

57 Inclusive provision

58 Has National Healthy Schools status

59 Invites guests for school meals

Our Pupils

60 Form the Food committee

61 Speak well of school meals

62 Strive to eat well

63 Value good food

64 Budget carefully

65 Use their smartcards

66 Enjoy a relaxed eating regime

67 Contribute by 'tray' clearing

68 Know their dinner ladies

69 Educated about healthy eating

Our Special Traditions

70 Enjoyment of food

71 Christmas Lunch

72 Leavers supper

73 Founders Day lunch

74 Picnic events

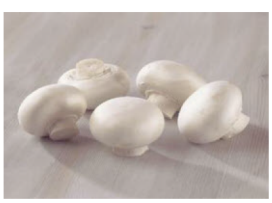
75 Themed meals

76 Cultural choices

77 Break time selections

78 Hot main meals with vegetables

79 Vegetarian and vegan food



Our Initiatives

80 Plan food carefully

81 Adopt nutritional standards

82 Increase vegetarian range

83 Create new ideas – noodle bar

84 Provide chilled salad bar

85 Healthy schools award

86 Food clubs

87 Fruit smoothies

88 Milk shakes at break

89 Hot drinks for break

Our Teamwork

90 Our school values good food

91 Headteacher meets Catering Manager

92 Lunch time is an hour

93 Pupils know about Healthy Eating

94 Business manager supportive

95 Newsletter for parents

96 Strong links with Shire Catering

97 On-line top-up for smart cards

98 Credit / Debit on-line payments

99 Food Tech educates diners

100 We work together