

Thursday, 2 June 2010

Dear Parents,

Joint Bus Service Price Increase

We have recently been in negotiations with our coach operator Tappins for the coming academic year. As I am sure you are all only too well aware, fuel prices have been rising steadily over the last 12 months and now appear to have stabilised at around 120p/lit, an increase of some 20%.

Unfortunately this will have a knock on effect on the cost of bus travel from next term. We are still negotiating robustly with Tappins on your behalf but expect prices to increase by 6-7%. Should prices rise significantly from where they are today, we may have to further uplift the cost, however if prices fall we will be in a position to pass these savings on to you.

We realise that this is a substantial increase and thus we would like to confirm that we are only passing on increased third party costs. At the time of writing, it appears that the majority of new applicants to the service have secured their optimum choice and we should be able to accommodate a large proportion of those currently on waiting lists.

We will be in touch again after half term once the pricing is finalised.

Sincerely,
The Joint Bus Service