Bishop Stopford School

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Week Ending
17 November 2023

Post Year 11 Options and Open Evening

Year 11 students are starting to think about the extremely important choice of both the right course and the right place to study post-16. On Monday, an assembly gave lots of information about our Sixth Form offer as one of their options. Year 12 and 13 students visited form groups on Wednesday to share their personal stories of what it means to be a Sixth Form student at the school.

Today, Year 11 students will meet representatives from other post-16 providers to talk about the other options. These include the apprenticeship company Starting Off, Moulton, Tresham and Northampton colleges. They will hear presentations and be able to chat on a 1:1 basis to find out more.

Our Year 11 into 12 Open Evening is next Tuesday, 21st November (5.30pm-8.00pm). There will be presentations by Miss Silverthorne and Head Students at 5.45pm and 6.30pm as well as a Subject Fair and an opportunity to visit the Sixth Form Centre. Sixth Form staff and students are available to talk about courses and the wider sixth form curriculum. This evening is open to our students and their parents and those from other schools. Application packs will be available and also in school from Tuesday 21st November. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 31st January 2024.

We also offer those not currently attending our school a further opportunity to attend Open Afternoon tasters in January. These will be in the week beginning Monday 15th January 2024 and can be booked via our website.

Why do students join us?

- high standards
- excellent results
- great teaching
- wide variety of subjects on offer
- great progression into university apprenticeships and the world of work
- the opportunity to make new friends
- The level of support in a caring environment.

Mrs Coe
Key Stage 5 Lead

Parent Survey 2023

Thank you to all parents who completed our survey. Responses are being analysed and we will report back in due course.

Miss Silverthorne

Week A
Assembly Theme
Core Value: FAITH
and Interfaith Week

Monday 20 November
Year 11 Assembly
Praying Parents 7pm Chapel

Tuesday 21 November
Year 10 Assembly
Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 22 November
Year 8 & 9 Assembly

Thursday 23 November
Year 7 Assembly

Friday 24 November
Year 12 & 13 Assembly
Year 8 Communion

Bishop is excellent because…
GCSE 2023
Attainment 8
Schools get a score based on how well pupils have performed in up to 8 qualifications.

We are a Church of England School

On November 13th a group of eleven students visited The Malcolm Arnold Academy for a conference led by The Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics (OCCA): 'Critical thinking around the big questions'

Year 12 & 13 students pictured here with Alanzo Paul from OCCA and Stephen Woodford from Rationality Rules

"All of us on the trip had a wonderful day! After a brief introduction about worldviews, we heard a variety of speakers from different ideological standpoints ranging from theistic to humanistic. One thing which became apparent throughout the debate was how everybody has basic convictions about the nature of life after death and the existence of God, which leads to an entire belief system about the universe and how we conduct our lives.

World-renowned apologist and debater, Professor John Lennox (Oxford University), was the first speaker. As a Christian myself, it was immensely inspiring to see how he and other academics examine the philosophical and scientific evidence for Christianity and have come to the conclusion that a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as their Saviour is of paramount importance for their lives and their only source of hope, with the Bible as their guiding principle.

Listening to the rationalist and humanist viewpoints led us to think more clearly about what we personally believe, and there were highly-animated discussions amongst our group! It was a privilege to be able to talk to several of the speakers afterwards and to ask questions which weren't raised during the Q and A sessions. If another occasion arises, I would highly recommend it for anybody (whatever their faith position) who has an interest in real debate about belief systems and worldviews".

Grace Cottington Year 13

Mrs Hutchinson

Core Values in Action Awards

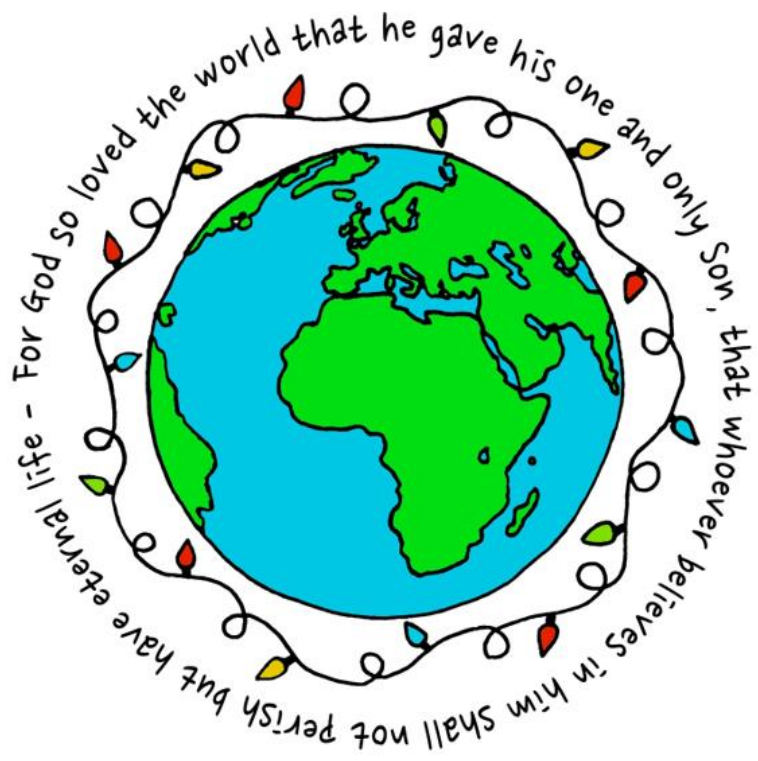
Congratulations to Harry Elliot-May (7G) who will receive a Core Values in Action Award for delivering the Gospel reading in Church on Sunday.

Remembrance Day

We would like to thank Molly, Hayden and Elise for playing the Last Post and Reveille for Remembrance Day on Friday10th November. It was a poignant moment for us to share.

Miss Silverthorne

Carol Service



Carol Service

Monday 4 December
6:30 - 7:30pm
Parish Church of
St Peter and St Paul
Market Place
Kettering
NN16 0AL

You are warmly invited to join us at our annual Carol Service at our local parish church. This is a significant expression of our faith ethos and an opportunity for us to come together and consider the true meaning of Christmas. Our theme this year is ‘Christmas around the World’. The Carol Service will feature artwork, prayers, readings and poems as well as music from many of our students. (No booking required)

Sixth Form Open Evening

Safe Space

This week we've been celebrating **Anti Bullying Week**, a national campaign encouraging young people to stand against bullying and discrimination. The theme this year is 'Make a Noise' about bullying and we've been encouraging just that. Our focus is becoming, rather than being Bystanders, community members who actively look out for one another

It all started last week when we trained our first group of Student Ambassadors. Now over 70 students are trained to support their peers.

This week our Student Leaders have led assemblies, exploring the challenge of being Upstanders rather than Bystanders.

Sixth Form students organised and ran activities throughout lunchtime to have fun and celebrate community. Limbo and Beat the Goalie became quite competitive!

And through this week we've been reminding students about different ways they can report concerns:

- talk to their trusted adult
- speak to a Student Ambassador
- email 'itsnotok@bishopstopford.com'

Student Ambassador Training

Mrs Smith

Philosopher of the Half Term

Esther Byatt (9G)

Drama Stars

The following students in Drama lessons have demonstrated our Core Values in their approach to the subject:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
M Ambrose R Currie B Gardner C Stokes-Harrell M Vincitore-Jackson E Benko A Boateng H Elliott-May	S Bletsoe A Li E Nandha C Smith H Spreckley J Ayimadu A Connolly Z Cordwell-West A Persaud Y Sahota B Stanger	O Graham I Green N Hartung L Maitim M Montgomery S Mutuiri J Towell N Chiota Y Kang S Lukose F Macquire B Saving S Thomas J Drury	C Pruden E Szoltysek R Jones A Johal	E Frost R Peartree L Abdul Salam J Procter	E Hardcastle H Wiles	O Kumar J Udo

Dare to be different: try new things

Responsibility – take responsibility for your own work

Achieve your target and make progress

Motivate others and work as a team

Ask if you need help or support

Mrs Fraser

Music News

Well done to Alana Hollwey (8E) who will be singing as part of the English Choir for the official song On Friday's Children in Need evening and will also be appearing on Look East too. The song will be sung in the usual CiN way, with four choirs representing the four nations. It was recorded this week, ready for editing for Friday night.

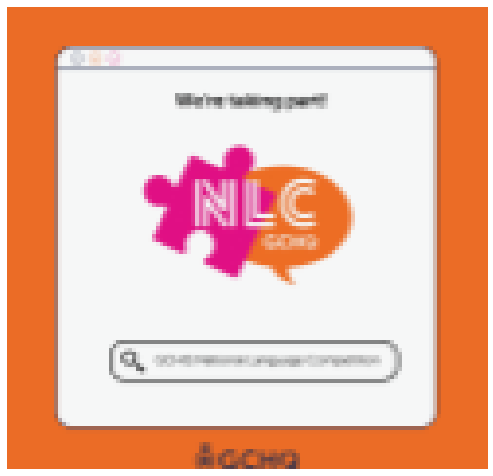
It was an amazing experience for Alana: the choir had to sing the song over and over again for a visual filming then changed venues for an audio recording.

Mrs Armstrong

National Language Competition

Last week, Year 9 students took part in the GCHQ National Language competition. This is the first time the school has entered the event, and we were delighted with the enthusiasm that our students showed. The competition involved using problem solving skills and linguistic knowledge to decipher a range of challenging tasks. Students also learnt about GCHQ and the role of languages in the organisation. As well as being fun and different from the norm, we wanted students to see a real life example of the uses of languages in the work place. Students really engaged with the opportunity. Here is what some had to say:

George *"It was fun, good to work together with the team and although it was challenging it gripped you and was entertaining. You got to learn lots of weird languages that you haven't seen before and also learn about other cultures and cultural things."*
Alicia *"It made learning fun."*
Zara "*It was mindboggling in a good way."*
Alana "it was entertaining and you could learn about other languages and cultures."
Connor *"It was just a fun thing to do."*



Mrs Rogers
Head of MFL Faculty

Sports News

U15 Boys' Hockey Midlands State School Champions

The U15 boys' hockey squad continued their success after taking part in the Midlands State School Championship at Worcester International Hockey Centre last week.
An awesome performance from all 13 players in the 6 games coming away with 6 wins from 6.
Jude Mitchell was top goal scorer with an amazing 9 goals.
Joe Campbell was a rock at the back and was the Player of the Day.
Chris Henry stepped up another level and earnt himself most improved player.
Congratulations to the whole squad.

Squad:
Haydn Young (Capt), Jude Mitchell, Joe Campbell, Jared Brooks, Ewan Neeson, Jonathan Matthews (GK), Damisola Ademola, David Tennant, Seb Persuad Chris Henry, Ellis Grant (injured), Danai King (injured), Kethan Singodia, Aman Singh, Jack York

Mixed Martial Arts (MMA)

Congratulations to both Jovan and Daanveer Basra (Year 7) who have both recently achieved their 2nd stripe in MMA (mixed martial arts). MMA for those unaware is a unique blend of Boxing, Muay Thai, Brazilian Ju Jitsu and Krav Maga!

Well done boys and keep up the good work.

Mr Young

English Speaking Union Debating Competition

0n Tuesday, a team of our Year 10 debaters competed in the first heat of the English Speaking Union's prestigious School's Mace debating competition. Amrita Johal (10E), Sophie Banks (10D) and Matilda Haughey (10S) opposed a team from Uppingham School on the motion, 'This House believes that environmental campaigning should focus on changing government policy rather than individual behaviours'.

Though the girls narrowly missed out on a place in the next round by two points, all three – as well as their supporting research team – should be congratulated on superb oracy skills on the night, collectively scoring an impressive 93/105 available points. The ESU's judge was blown away that this was our team's inaugural entry to the competition, especially given that they were pitted against experienced Sixth Form debaters from five other high-performing schools from around the East Midlands; stating that our team performed 'outstandingly well'.

Very well done debaters – you'll be a formidable team to watch in future competitions!

ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION
discovering voices

Mrs Hainsworth

Northants Creative Industries Expo 2023

NORTHANTS CREATIVE INDUSTRIES EXPO 23

Northants Creative Industries Expo at the University of Northampton
Public open day - Saturday 25th November
Free

Creative Career Advice – Meet Local Professionals – Free Workshops

While our school group bookings are full,
students can come to our public day on Saturday 25th November 11am – 3pm.

They can also visit on Friday 24th November 12pm-4pm (after school!)

Students can read more and book directly here: Expo – Northampton Film Festival

Mr Smith

We currently have the following exciting opportunity for an outstanding and ambitious individual:

Teacher of Maths

Successful candidates will work alongside colleagues, senior staff and governors and will play an integral part within the school.

Please visit our website vacancy page, where you will be able to view additional information regarding the role.

We hope you are excited by the opportunity to work with us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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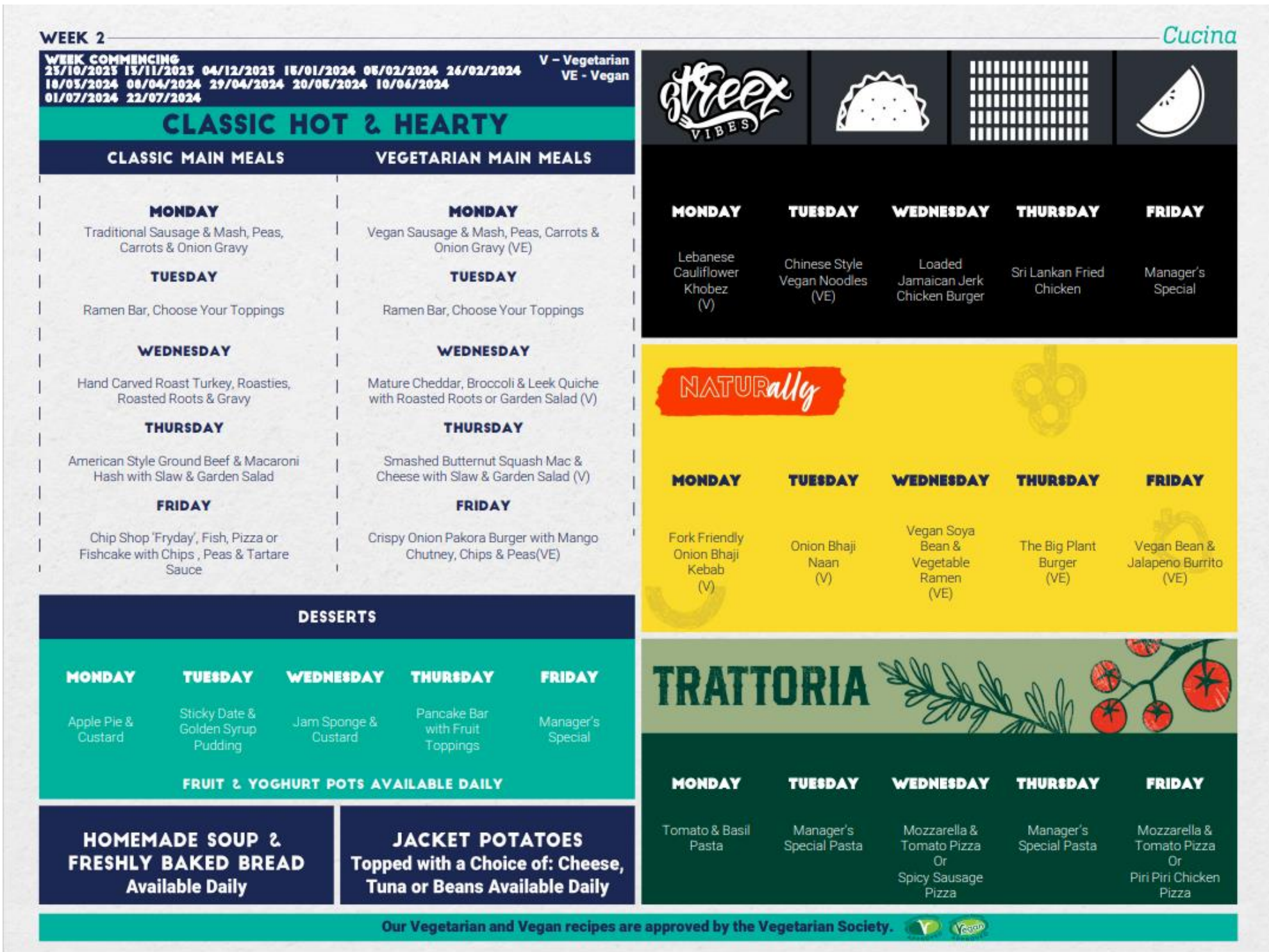

WEEK 2 — Cucina

WEEK COMMENCING 23/10/2023 13/11/2023 04/12/2023 15/01/2024 05/02/2024 26/02/2024 18/03/2024 08/04/2024 29/04/2024 20/05/2024 10/06/2024 01/07/2024 22/07/2024

V – Vegetarian
VE - Vegan

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS
MONDAY Traditional Sausage & Mash, Peas, Carrots & Onion Gravy	**MONDAY** Vegan Sausage & Mash, Peas, Carrots & Onion Gravy (VE)
TUESDAY Ramen Bar, Choose Your Toppings	**TUESDAY** Ramen Bar, Choose Your Toppings
WEDNESDAY Hand Carved Roast Turkey, Roasties, Roasted Roots & Gravy	**WEDNESDAY** Mature Cheddar, Broccoli & Leek Quiche with Roasted Roots or Garden Salad (V)
THURSDAY American Style Ground Beef & Macaroni Hash with Slaw & Garden Salad	**THURSDAY** Smashed Butternut Squash Mac & Cheese with Slaw & Garden Salad (V)
FRIDAY Chip Shop 'Fryday', Fish, Pizza or Fishcake with Chips , Peas & Tartare Sauce	**FRIDAY** Crispy Onion Pakora Burger with Mango Chutney, Chips & Peas(VE)

DESSERTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Apple Pie & Custard	Sticky Date & Golden Syrup Pudding	Jam Sponge & Custard	Pancake Bar with Fruit Toppings	Manager's Special

FRUIT & YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD Available Daily

JACKET POTATOES Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily

Street Vibes

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lebanese Cauliflower Khobez (V)	Chinese Style Vegan Noodles (VE)	Loaded Jamaican Jerk Chicken Burger	Sri Lankan Fried Chicken	Manager's Special

NATURally

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fork Friendly Onion Bhaji Kebab (V)	Onion Bhaji Naan (V)	Vegan Soya Bean & Vegetable Ramen (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Vegan Bean & Jalapeno Burrito (VE)

TRATTORIA

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Basil Pasta	Manager's Special Pasta	Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza Or Spicy Sausage Pizza	Manager's Special Pasta	Mozzarella & Tomato Pizza Or Piri Piri Chicken Pizza

Our Vegetarian and Vegan recipes are approved by the Vegetarian Society.