PROPOSAL FOR PRICE INCREASES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/19
A paper for the Meals Committee

Introduction
It was suggested in previous Meals Committees that the Catering Manager would produce a more detailed report on any proposed price increase. It was also suggested that any new price increases would be product specific rather than expressed as a general increase across the board.

Aim
This paper details proposed meal prices following the costs the Catering Department bears in these uncertain times. These increased costs arise from various factors, such as (but not limited to):

- economic uncertainty following Brexit,
- ethical and sustainable commitments,
- adverse weather conditions becoming more frequent resulting in poor harvests (wine harvests affected by fire (USA), frost and floods (Europe)),
- Salary review and the Living Wage increase,
- High commodity inflation,
- And our Collaborative Purchase Agreement re-tendering process (our commitment will increase).

Future increases

- Whilst we maintain that any increases are the lowest we can make them, a degree of flexibility is sought in the price brackets of the main course servery meals to allow for any sudden fluctuations.
- Student guest prices have increased to a 50% surcharge, to help protect our core student member prices and not increase the subsidy to the college.
- The price of coffee has been reduced from a proposed £1.00 a cup to £0.90 a cup, as an additional subsidy from the College. A further £0.10 discount can be claimed if using any re-useable cup.

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