



2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Consultation on timings of the academy day from September 2020**

We hope that you and your families are well during this time. Thank you for your continued support as we have worked through this unprecedented time together.

Following a formal period of consultation regarding proposals relating to our school day, I am writing to inform you that there were no significant objections raised by stakeholders regarding our proposals. On the contrary, many people, especially you as parents and carers, appreciated the idea of the split lunch. Many parents and carers, understandably at this time, are concerned about the effect of the national pandemic on their child's education. The additional curriculum time proposed in the consultation was, therefore, welcomed by many parents and carers. Some parents and carers of Year 10 requested even more time as their children prepare for external examinations in 2021. We can assure you that your child will be fully supported during their final year before Key Stage 4 assessments take place. Further learning time will be accessible through additional sessions after school and during 'holiday' sessions.

To summarise, the key changes are:

- Tutor time moving from the start of the day to allow students to go straight into learning at 0845 ensuring a positive start for all
- A split lunch in order to decrease the natural congestion created at lunch due to the number of students. This split lunch will be between different key stages.
- 55 minute lessons instead of the current 60 minute lessons
- A finish time of 1530 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and a finish time of 1435 on Monday and Friday

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday		Monday and Friday	
0840	<i>Movement bell</i>	0840	<i>Movement bell</i>
0845-0940	Lesson 1	0845-0940	Lesson 1
0940-1035	Lesson 2	0940-1035	Lesson 2
<b>1035-1055</b>	<b>Break</b> <i>(movement 1050)</i>	<b>1035-1055</b>	<b>Break</b> <i>(movement 1050)</i>
1055-1115	<i>Form Time</i>	1055-1115	<i>Form Time</i>
1115-1210	Lesson 3	1115-1210	Lesson 3
<b>KS3</b>	<b>KS4 &amp; KS5</b>	<b>KS3</b>	<b>KS4 &amp; KS5</b>
<b>1210-1245 Lunch</b> <i>(movement 1240)</i>	1210-1305 Lesson 4	<b>1210-1245 Lunch</b> <i>(movement 1240)</i>	1210-1305 Lesson 4
1245-1340 Lesson 4	<b>1305-1340 Lunch</b> <i>(movement 1335)</i>	1245-1340 Lesson 4	<b>1305-1340 Lunch</b> <i>(movement 1335)</i>
1340 – 1435	Lesson 5	1340 – 1435	Lesson 5
1435 – 1530	Lesson 6		

This will be reviewed annually to ensure the structure of our academy day is the best that it can possibly be to ensure that our young people receive the very best educational provision and care. This change is in line with outstanding practice in other schools in our country.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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