

14th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to the Academy Day – September 2023

This year the government announced that there is a new expectation that all schools and academies must ensure that they offer at least 32.5 hours of compulsory educational provision from the start of the school week until the end (click [here](#)), this must be in place for September 2023. Our current academy week does not meet this requirement and as such we have reviewed our current offer and developed a new Academy Day structure that will ensure we are able to meet this new government expectation, this is a change that many schools across the country are going through.

We feel that these changes will provide many benefits including:

- a consistent start and end time for our academy better enabling siblings to be collected from neighbouring schools and will allow us to improve our after-school provision.
- ensure that the academy day structure meets the new government requirements of at least 32.5 hours of face-to-face education.
- Will enable better curriculum coverage.
- increased lunch time so that students have more time to eat and socialise.
- An increase in tutor time will enable us to focus more time on the broader aims of the curriculum including numeracy, literacy, PSHE and personal development.
- An increase in the amount of face-to-face interaction with students each week.

KS4	Years 10 & 11
8.15 – 8.20	Gates Open
8.20 – 8.25	Line-up and entry
8.25 – 8.55	Form Time
8.55 – 9.55	Lesson 1
9.55 – 10.55	Lesson 2a
10.55 – 11.15	Break B
11.15 – 12.15	Lesson 3
12.15 – 1.15	Lesson 4a
1.15 – 1.50	Lunch B
1.50 – 2.50	Lesson 5

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KS3	Years 7, 8 & 9
8.15 – 8.20	Gates Open
8.20 – 8.25	Line-up and Entry
8.25 – 8.55	Form Time
8.55 – 9.55	Lesson 1
9.55 – 10.15	Break A
10.15 – 11.15	Lesson 2b
11.15 – 12.15	Lesson 3
12.15 – 12.50	Lunch A
12.50 – 1.50	Lesson 4b
1.50 – 2.50	Lesson 5

The main changes to the academy day are as follows:

- The academy gates will open at the earlier time of 8.15am, this is currently 8.20am.
- Students are expected to be in school for no later than 8.20am for line-up.
- Lunch time is extended by 5 minutes to 35-minutes.
- Students will receive 25, 1 hour lessons each week.
- Form time has been extended to 30 minutes each day.
- The academy day will finish every day at 2.50pm (not including after school clubs).

We strongly believe these changes will have a positive effect on the quality of learning. We are fully committed to offering the best learning experience for all our students. If you would like to ask any questions or provide feedback regarding this please click [here](#), this form will close on Friday 21st July 2023. We will share these changes with students before the end of the academic year so that everyone is clear on what September 2023 will look and feel like.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes.

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