

26 April 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Curriculum and Timetable Consultation

I would like to begin by saying thank you for your feedback with regard to our new curriculum and timetable development. Your views sent via emails; opinions shared through students; or discussions during our Parent Forums were valued and considered. I now wish to inform you that the consultation period is closed.

This letter will now address your main concerns and provide the rationale for our final decisions:

1) An increase in traffic flow at the end of the day due to a slightly earlier finish on Monday and Tuesday.

There were suggestions of commencing the school day at a later time. However, the implications of traffic flow in the morning would be even more challenging and therefore outweighed this.

2) The time of break on Friday.

It was proposed that break time should commence after Period 3 on Friday, parents felt the 3 hour duration between break and lunch was too long. However, after discussions with the Raising Standards Leaders, they pointed out that some of our vulnerable students do not always have breakfast in the morning. As a result, delaying break could potentially impact their health. Therefore, an earlier time is more appropriate to facilitate the needs of every child.

3) Wednesday Enrichment.

This will remain the same- 50 minutes on Wednesday and compulsory for Year 7 and Year 8. Some subjects will provide additional support for students in Year 9-11, but this will be targeted and attendance is optional.

4) Year 9 options

The decision to move from 4 option subjects to 3 in Year 10 is still being considered. Students and parents will be kept up to date on changes.

Below is our new student timetable, commencing the following Academic Year (September 2016):

| Timings of the day | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Start | 08:20 | 08:20 | 08:20 | 08:20 | 08:20 |
| End | 15:30 | 15:30 | 15:10 | 14:50 | 13:40 |

| Period | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Period | Friday |
|--------------------|------------|------------|--|----------|-----------------------------|--------|
| 1 | 08:20 | 08:20 | 08:20 | 08:20 | 1 | 08:20 |
| 2 | 09:20 | 09:20 | 09:20 | 09:20 | 2 | 09:20 |
| Break | 10:20 | 10:20 | 10:20 | 10:20 | Break | 10:20 |
| 3 | 10:40 | 10:40 | 10:40 | 10:40 | 3 | 10:40 |
| 4 | 11:40 | 11:40 | 11:40 | 11:40 | 4 | 11:40 |
| Lunch/HTT | 12:40 | 12:40 | 12:40 Lunch for all | 12:40 | 5 | 12:40 |
| 5 | 13:50 | 13:50 | 13:20 | 13:50 | End | 13:40 |
| Additional support | 14:50 Prep | 14:50 Prep | 14:20 Enrichment | | Students can stay for lunch | |
| End | 15:30 | 15:30 | Y7 and 8 -15:10 Y9, 10 and 11 - 14:20 | 14:50 | | |

Prep is a new initiative that will become part of the Academy day. Parents are welcome to attend the next Parent Forum, on 4 May, to discuss how best to use the two 40 minute sessions on Monday and Tuesday.

Yours faithfully

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