

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s) and Students,

## School Day 2019-20

I am writing to you to inform you that I have now completed my "School Day" consultation with staff, parent(s)/carer(s) and students. Can I thank all those who have contributed to this process whether this has been through completion of a questionnaire, meeting with me to discuss the school day arrangements or through passing comments in the corridors.

In the end there was a strong consensus of agreement as to the pros and cons of our current arrangements and, therefore, a very clear way forwards.

There was overwhelming support from students and staff for the 2:2:1 arrangement of lessons that we adopted last year. It was felt that learning was more focused in the mornings and the shorter afternoon also helped with concentration. Starting at 8:30am was also well received by students, parents and most staff.

The 20 minute break time has been well received and gives students time to take on food and drink as required.

The two areas that everyone felt were not working so well happily compensate each other time wise – these being lunchtime being a little too short and afternoon registration being limited in its usefulness. A simple solution here is to extend lunchtime by 10 minutes (making it 40 minutes in total) and delete afternoon registration. It is hoped that this will give staff time to reinstate lunchtime activities that both they and the students are missing. Otherwise the framework of the school day will remain unchanged.

Whilst 6<sup>th</sup> form students found their day worked well for them (the great majority have the older 3:2 lesson arrangement) they too felt lunchtime was a little tight – especially when travelling to and from consortium lessons at other schools. They felt they, too, would benefit from a slightly longer lunchtime and no afternoon registration.

30 minutes of intervention support has been well received by students and parents who, in the main consider this to be an appropriate minimum amount of time to give to this type of support.

Our new school day will therefore look very similar to this years with a small change around lunchtime and afternoon registration. I attach timings to this letter for your information.

Thank you, once again, for assisting with this consultation and supporting the schools development in this way.

Best wishes



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**School Day Timings 2019**

Time	KS3 and 4	6 <sup>th</sup> Form – either/or	
08:30 – 08:50	Registration 1		
08:50 – 09:50	Period 1		
09:50 – 10:50	Period 2		
10:50 – 11:10	Break Time		
11:10 – 12:10	Period 3		
12:10 – 13:10	Period 4	12:10 – 12:50 Lunch	12:10 – 13:10 Period 4
13:10 – 13:50	Lunch Time	12:50 – 13:50 Period 4	13:10 – 13:50 Lunch
13:50 – 14:50	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5
14:50	End of School Timetable		
14:50 – 15:20	Some students may be required for Homework support, Catch ups and intervention support		

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