

30th April 2021

Dear Parent and Carer

I am pleased to be able to confirm the finalised timings of the school day which will come into effect from September 2021 for the Academic Year 2021/22.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in these surveys, we had a good response to our questions from parents (186 responses), staff (80 responses) and students (993 responses). There were lots of very useful additional comments and suggestions made and, pleasingly, there were some very consistent views from all three groups on the best way ahead. The final day is very closely aligned to the most popular of the four example models, Model D. If you wish to see the results of the survey, these can be found on our website under Parents' Information, Parent Letters.

Summary of key points

- An earlier start time that enables an earlier finish time was preferred by all groups.
- The main reasons linked to this preference were an earlier start to after school intervention/revision sessions and to extra-curricular clubs. In the winter months this will help with the fading light for outdoor activities.
- Keeping the split lunchtimes that we were forced to use this year was also preferred.
- The main reasons identified for this were more space for play and less congestion in the canteen. There was lots of observation that this has created a calmer lunchtime although the 30 minutes has been a little rushed. We have tried to address this in the final model.
- The longer afternoon session has been given to the older students. Our behaviour data shows they have been better able to cope with this and it also means that when summer exams take place, we will not need a separate exams timetable.
- Tutorial time (including assembly time) has been reinstated to the mornings. We look forward to being able to have large groups of students together again next year. This has been missed during our Covid restrictions.
- The normal shared morning break has been reinstated. This has been missed during the time that year groups have been unable to mix socially.
- Afternoon tutorial time has been removed and the students' official PM registration mark will be counted from their first lesson after lunch.

School Day 2021/22

Time	Year 7 and 8	Years 9,10, 11 and 6th Form
8:30 - 8:50	Tutorial/Assembly	Tutorial/Assembly
8:50 - 9:50	Period 1	Period 1
9:50 - 10:50	Period 2	Period 2
10:50 - 11:10	Break	Break
11:10 - 12:10	Period 3	Period 3
12:10 - 1:50	Period 4 followed by 40 mins lunch	Lunch followed by Period 4
1:50 - 2:50	Period 5	Period 5

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We hope this new day will enable us to return to lots of the things we have missed, but enable us to embrace permanently some of the enforced changes that have worked.

In addition to the school day consultation, we also asked you about the virtual Parents' Evenings we have had to employ this year. Although not every year group has had theirs yet, the results from those who have been involved have been very conclusive and favour the continuation of virtual appointments. We will, as promised, consult the year groups who have not yet experienced a virtual Parents' Evening.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Herbert', written in a cursive style.

David Herbert