

Dear Parents and Carers

Arrangements for the Autumn term from September 2021

I am writing to inform you of how the school day will be organised from September 2021. During the pandemic we have been required to introduce new systems in order to ensure COVID secure conditions in school. These include staggered starts and ends to the day, separate entrances and exits from school, different break and lunchtimes for KS3 and KS4 and dedicated playgrounds for each year group. We have found that many of these new ways of working have been beneficial and so we have decided to retain them for the new academic year. They are listed below.

Additionally, we will be returning to one day of early closure per week (Monday) in order to give teachers additional planning time. One more change we have made is to extend tutor time by 10 minutes in one day of the week (Tuesday) in order to facilitate the more effective delivery of Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE). This will be coupled with a change to the curriculum in KS3, with RE lessons also being used to teach Citizenship. At KS4 we will have more 'drop down' days in which blocks of curriculum time will be used to focus on important PSHCE topics. The rationale for these changes is to better educate students about a range of important social issues, many of which have had high profile coverage in the media of late. These include sexism, racism, homophobia and transphobia. There are many others and, as an inclusive school, we wish to educate boys properly.

To summarise, the main points about next year's school day are:

- Years 7 - 9 (KS3) will arrive in school from 08:15, and by 08:25 at the latest
- Years 10 & 11 (KS4) will arrive at school from 08:25, and by 08:30 at the latest
- SFH6 (6th form) details are shown in the table below
- Each Year Group will enter and leave the school site using a dedicated gate (to be informed later)
- End of school day for all students will be 15:00 (14:40 on early closure day, Monday)
- KS3 and KS4 will have different break and lunchtimes, the same as they do this year
- Each Year Group will have its own dedicated playground
- Early closure day will be Monday
- PSHCE day will be Tuesday

Details of the timings for the school week are below:

Normal Day (Wednesday – Friday)

Years 7-9		Years 10-11		SFH6	
8:15-8:25	Arrival and line up	8:25-8:30	Arrival and go to tutor time		
8:30-8:50	Tutor time	8:30-8:50	Tutor time		
8:50-9:50	P1	8:50-9:50	P1	8:50-9:50	P1
9:50-10:50	P2	9:50-10:10	Break	9:50-10:50	P2
10:50-11:10	Break	10:10-11:10	P2	10:50-11:10	Break
11:10-12:10	P3	11:10-12:10	P3	11:10-12:10	P3
12:10-13:10	P4	12:10-13:00	Lunch	12:10-13:10	P4
13:10-14:00	Lunch	13:00-14:00	P4	13:10-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	P5	14:00-15:00	P5	14:00-15:00	P5

PSHCE Day (Tuesday)

Years 7-9		Years 10-11		SFH6	
8:15-8:25	Arrival and line up	8:25-8:30	Arrival and go to tutor time		
8:30-9:00	Tutor time	8:30-9:00	Tutor time		
9:00-9:55	P1	9:00-9:55	P1	9:00-9:55	P1
9:55-10:50	P2	9:55-10:15	Break	9:55-10:50	P2
10:50-11:10	Break	10:15-11:10	P2	10:50-11:10	Break
11:10-12:10	P3	11:10-12:10	P3	11:10-12:10	P3
12:10-13:10	P4	12:10-13:00	Lunch	12:10-13:10	P4
13:10-14:00	Lunch	13:00-14:00	P4	13:10-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	P5	14:00-15:00	P5	14:00-15:00	P5

Early Closure Day (Monday)

Years 7-9		Years 10-11		SFH6	
8:15-8:25	Arrival and line up	8:25-8:30	Arrival and go to tutor time		
8:30-8:45	Tutor time	8:30-8:45	Tutor time		
8:45-9:45	P1	8:45-9:45	P1	8:45-9:45	P1
9:45-10:45	P2	9:45-10:05	Break	9:45-10:45	P2
10:45-11:05	Break	10:05-11:05	P2	10:45-11:05	Break
11:05-12:00	P3	11:05-12:00	P3	11:05-12:00	P3
12:00-12:55	P4	12:00-12:50	Lunch	12:00-12:55	P4
12:55-13:45	Lunch	12:50 -13:45	P4	12:55-13:45	Lunch
13:45-14:40	P5	13:45 -14:40	P5	13:45 -14:40	P5

We are looking forward to the Autumn term and a return to routines that are more akin to pre-Covid days. We are confident that these changes will ensure the smooth and effective running of the school, whilst at the same time bolstering an important aspect of students' education.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Best wishes,

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