



Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Changes to the timings of the school day

First and foremost, I hope you and your families are well. As I am sure you are aware, we welcomed Year 10 back into school on Monday 8 June and I am delighted but not surprised, to report that this transition back into learning in the classroom has been extremely successful and we continue to be very proud of our wonderful students and staff.

In order to maximise learning further from September for all of students, we have altered our lesson organisation, this includes a minor change to the timing of the school day on Tuesday where there will no longer be an early finish:

Warning bell	8.25am
Tutorial	8.30 – 9.00am
Period 1	9.00 – 10.00am
Period 2	10.00 – 11.00am
Break	11.00 – 11.20am
Period 3	11.20 - 12.20pm
Lunchtime	12.20 – 12.50pm
Period 4	12.50 – 1.50pm
Period 5	1.50 – 2.50pm

This decision was made long before the pandemic was upon us after an initial review of school procedures at the end of the first term. The changes have been made for the following reasons:

- To extend tutorial time in a morning to enable a richer and deeper PSHRE curriculum to be delivered. It is important to note that the warning bell 5 minutes before the start of tutorial will still be in place; this is to ensure that our students are in classrooms, ready to learn, at 8.30am.
- Lessons have now increased to an hour in length to allow for greater depth of learning and progress. Double lessons have also been added In Year 10 / 11 to support assessment / examination practice.
- The timetable has decreased from a 6 period day to a 5 period day. This means less transition time or less 'lost' learning time travelling between lessons.
- Break time has been extended to enable our wonderful cook Wendy to prepare a more diverse break-time food menu. This is fantastic news for students that want to attend our ever-increasing lunchtime club offer as they now have a choice of eating earlier in the day.

Another really important point to share is that there will **no longer be a different timetable on a Tuesday**; all students will finish school at 2.50pm every day. This will allow for more learning time across the week. This provides an additional 150 hours of learning over a student's 5 year school life at Norham.



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In order for us to continue to develop our broad curriculum offer, every student will have a timetable that will extend across a fortnight; this means that your daughter/son will have a week A and a week B timetable that will be slightly different. Making this change has enabled us to be much more creative with the curriculum we offer, providing a much broader and diverse experience for our fantastic students.

We are genuinely excited about the new academic year ahead and look forward to welcoming all of our lovely students back in September. I wish you and your families a safe, healthy and restful summer break.

Yours sincerely

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