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Consultation to Change the Times of the School Day

11th May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you to inform you of a proposed change to the school day, which will be effective from the 2026/27 academic year.

As we continuously strive to enhance our pupils' experience, we are proposing adjustments to the structure and timing of the school day, and we value your thoughts on this matter.

Summary of Proposed Changes:

Currently, the school day begins at 8.40am and ends at 3.20pm. We are proposing that the school day begins at 8.30am and teaching ends at 2.55pm for years 7 – 10, and 3.35pm for year 11. Year 11 will receive an additional period 6 to support exam readiness and to be able to target individual pupil academic needs.

There will then be an enhanced enrichment programme for years 7 – 10 until 3.35pm. Pupil stakeholder voice reported that many pupils felt the lunch break was too long and would prefer to have more choice in terms of enrichment activities after school, both academic and non-academic.

Attendance at enrichment activities is not compulsory but we hope that most pupils will access a range of activities across the week. The full revised timings for the school day are set out below.

Why the Change is being Considered:

- Our primary goal is to ensure that our pupils are engaged and equipped to learn, and we believe that the changes proposed to the school day will support pupils to achieve, both academically and in their personal development.
- By structuring the day in this way, we will be able to offer a wide range of consistently high quality extra- and super-curricular activities to allow pupils to develop as individuals, stay healthy, support their academic progress, and make their school experience more memorable and enjoyable.
- Please note that there will be no reduction in teaching time for any year group under the proposed changes.
- Pupils will be able to eat lunch and have a break during the day and then attend a club for longer or stay to complete their homework at school in a supervised setting and still leave at around the same time they do now.



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- It supports the wellbeing of pupils and colleagues by allowing more flexibility around the end of the school day.
- Break time will stay at 20 mins.
- Lunch break will be 35 minutes. We will use two dining rooms to support the flow of pupils.
- A 10-minute time of 'Reflection' at the beginning of period 5 will help pupil regulation and support pupils in establishing a calm mindset in readiness for learning.
- Overall, we are committed to providing an environment that fosters learning, health, and general wellbeing for all our pupils.

Revised Timings September 2026:

8.15 – 8.30am	Gates open for pupils to arrive at school
8.30 – 8.50am	'ASPIRE' form time programme
8.50 – 9.50am	Period 1
9.50 – 10.50am	Period 2
10.50 – 11.10am	Break
11.10 – 12.10pm	Period 3
12.10 – 1.10pm	Period 4
1.10 – 1.45pm	Lunch
1.45 – 1.55pm	'Reflection'
1.55 – 2.55pm	Period 5
2.55 – 3.35pm	Period 6 (year 11 only)
2.55pm	End of school day. (Year 7 – 10) Enrichment activities until 3.35pm Monday - Thursday

Consultation and Next Steps:

We understand that any change to school timings may have an impact on families, and even though our proposed changes are minimal, we want to ensure that all voices are heard. We are therefore inviting you to share your thoughts regarding this proposed change.

We would like to complete the consultation by Friday 22nd May 2026

Please feel free to submit your feedback as follows:

[Consultation – Fill in form - https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/eBFKmMw9a0](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/eBFKmMw9a0)

Please note that we will not respond individually to questions submitted as part of the consultation, but we will make updates if necessary to our web page in light of any common questions received.

After gathering input from parents, staff, and other stakeholders, we will carefully review all feedback before making any final decisions.

If the proposed changes are implemented, we will communicate this to families well in advance to allow you time to plan accordingly.



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Thank you for your continued partnership and for taking the time to consider this important change.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and to working together to create the best possible learning experience for our pupils.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Wilkinson

(Headteacher)



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