Monday 23rd January 2023

**Revised School Day**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your responses to my recent request for your views on a revision of the school day. There were over four hundred responses and these were overwhelmingly positive about the school. Consultation was also opened for students and staff to give their opinions. In each survey, the vast majority were in favour of the proposed change and cited having a better balance to social time as the main benefit. Many parents supported the move to increase form time and agreed with the need to develop personal and social education as well as character and resilience.

The opportunity was given for all stakeholders to raise any questions and concerns over this change. Some parents, students and staff had shared apprehensions regarding the impact of this revision on lunch time clubs. Many parents and students agreed with the proposal, but also wanted assurances that the shorter lunch would still allow students to purchase a hot lunch and have time to eat it.

Due to this feedback I have made the decision to implement a change to the school day in two phases. Phase one will shorten the lunch period from sixty minutes to fifty minutes, break time will increase to twenty minutes and school will finish five minutes earlier. This phase will be used to reassure all stakeholders that lunch time provision and clubs can still run successfully. After listening to your views, we wish to ensure the personal and character development that occurs in lunch clubs is not lost at the expense of an extended form time. As you may be aware, we are currently conducting a whole school curriculum review and the personal development of all students is a key consideration of this activity. Ahead of phase two we will revisit extending tutor time as part of this wider curriculum development.

Some of our Sixth Form students identified the need for an hour lunch time as some experience an eight-period day. The curriculum review has already identified a different approach to the Sixth Form curriculum and will seek to reduce the number of students who experience an eight-period day and therefore those impacted by a shorter lunch time.

Phase one will commence on **Monday 30th January** for all students and staff.

For clarification, the new timings of the school day thereafter will be as follows:

08.45 – 09.05 Tutor time

09.05 – 09.55 Period 1

09.55 – 10.45 Period 2

10.45 – 11.05 Morning break

11.05 – 11.55 Period 3

11.55 – 12.45 Period 4

12.45 – 13.35 Lunch

13.35 – 14.25 Period 5

14.25 – 15.15 Period 6 (Year 7& 8 to finish at 15.10)

Once again, I would like to thank you for all of your feedback through this consultation period.

Yours faithfully

**Mr D Foskett**

**Headteacher**