

To: All Parents/Carers of Year 7 to Year 13 Students

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Our Ref: 87107737

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Outcome of consultation on changes to the school day from September 2021

I hope you and your family are well and continue to stay safe.

I am writing in follow up to the recent consultation on proposed changes to our school day following consideration by the Governing Body of the feedback shared with us. We received 99 responses from parents/carers, students and staff and I am extremely grateful to everyone who took the time to share their views with us. Having met to review and discuss this feedback the Governing Body have made the decision to support the proposed change which is detailed below.

Timing	Year 7, 8, 9 & 12	Years 10, 11 & 13
08.40		Period 1
09.45	Break	Movement
09.50	09.45 – 10.05	Period 2
10.05	Period 2	09.50 – 10.50
10.50	10.05 – 11.05	Break
11.05	Movement	10.50 – 11.10
11.10		Period 3
12.10	Lunch	Movement
12.15	12.10 – 12.50	Period 4
12.50	Period 4	12.15 – 13.15
13.15	12.50 – 13.50	Lunch
13.50	Movement	13.15 – 13.55
13.55		Assembly / Tutor Time
14.15		Movement
14.20		Period 5
15.20		End of normal school day

In line with the proposal our revised school day will commence in September 2021, operating initially for one year to enable us to fully judge the impact of this change.

In addition to the positive impacts that we outlined in our proposal and saw in many responses, there were five main areas which we are now considering, that a number of respondents identified:

- Aligning our bus services
- A later lunch time for Years 10, 11 and 13
- Tutor time happening after lunch
- Our extra-curricular provision, particularly sports clubs
- A return to five 60 minute lessons each day

I thought it might be helpful to outline some of the initial actions we are taking to address these areas.

Aligning bus services

We have consulted with the bus companies that provide transport services. They have confirmed that they are able to modify their timings to match those of the new school day. The exceptions are the two afternoon EYMS public service buses (55 to Gilberdyke and 155A to Hull). Whilst these two services have been brought forward they will continue to depart approximately 10 mins later than the rest. For the small number of students who use these bus services, staff supervision will continue to be available at the end of the school day until their service arrives.

Later lunch for Year 10, 11 and 13

In supporting our most senior students with a later lunch our catering team are continuing to explore and expand the food and drink options that we make available at break time to ensure that these are both healthy and nutritious. This, along with the staggering of morning break will provide greater opportunity for students to access a healthy snack as well as sustain them until their lunch break. In addition, we have also introduced a third catering facility, the 'Cube' which will serve freshly made pasta and rice dishes as well as snack items.

Tutor time after lunch

In moving tutor time to later in the school day we have added an extra 5 minutes to the start of period 1. This has been done to provide a short period of time at the start of each day for any initial pastoral support that students may need and to enable staff and students to revisit the key routines that enable all students to have a successful day of learning.

Extra-curricular provision and sports clubs

Extra-curricular opportunities have always been a strong feature of our provision and is an area we are constantly looking to develop. These changes provide an opportunity for us to continue to offer a variety of clubs and activities at lunchtime and also to expand our sporting and extra-curricular offer after school. In response to the changes to our day the PE department have already started to draw up plans for an after-school sports offer to compliment those activities that will continue to be available at lunchtime.

Return to five 60 minute lessons

In response to the pandemic we made the decision this year to reduce movement around school and operate a three lesson day of 100 minutes each. Whilst a number of our older students welcomed this we do need to return to a five lesson day of 60 minutes each. This model provides greater curriculum flexibility for our students, as well as more effective sequencing and spacing of subjects across a students timetable that really helps to embed learning. Prior to our move to 100 minute lessons some Key Stage 5 lessons, particularly those of a practical nature, were scheduled as double 60 minute lessons and this is something that we will continue where appropriate.

Can I once again thank everyone who took the time to share feedback with us, and for your continued support which is very much appreciated.

Kind regards and best wishes to you all.

Yours faithfully



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