



26th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Notice of key changes for the 2020/21 academic year

The response to our proposed changes to the school day and Academic Calendar have been positive and well received and I want to thank everyone who has responded and made some excellent points.

I hope to have a recording of my presentation from 18/6/2020 available on the website shortly so people can review this at their leisure.

As a reminder, I want to repeat our key drivers for the school as we move forward.

These are:

1. **Creating an excellent culture.** We will develop a robust behaviour system that is clearly communicated. Within this we will work hard to eradicate bullying and ensure that staff and students are kind to each other.
2. **Developing excellent teachers.** We will develop a strong program of professional training and development so that every teacher uses every minute of every lesson to improve outcomes for every child.
3. **Ensuring excellent results.** We need to make sure that everyone gets the results they need to have a choice over their future. Where students are falling behind we will make early interventions to make sure they are not so far behind in years 11 and 13 that they do not achieve their desired outcomes.

Obviously we do not have any certainty with regards to when the school will reopen, however, we feel that it is critical that we speak to you, our community, so that we can garner clear understanding of this change and how it puts the needs of our students first.

Overview of the school week.

From September, **OR** when we are fully open, we are amending the school week to allow us to offer an enhanced provision.

Currently our school day looks like this:

- 8.40am-3pm every day.

Our new school day:

- Monday 9am-3.50pm.
- Tuesday-Thursday 8.30am-3.50pm.
- Friday 8.30am-1.50pm (made 10 minutes earlier to facilitate local transport).

Changes to our Academic Calendar:

- Staff will return to school on 26th August 2020 as per the current calendar.
- 26th, 27th and 28th August 2020 will remain as Inset Days.
- 1st and 2nd September 2020 become Inset days by moving the inset days currently calendared for 19th and 20th July 2021.
- 3rd September 2020 becomes an additional inset.
- Years 11 and 7 return to school on Friday 4th September 2020.
- All other year groups return to school on Monday 7th September 2020.
- 19th and 20th July 2021 become teaching days.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Belshaw', written in a cursive style.

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Head of School