



23 June 2025

Dear Families

Changes to Academy Day September 2025

This year, I have been reviewing our Academy Day. My vision for our school is clear, which is to deliver an extraordinary education for every child in our local area. To help deliver on this vision, I am making some changes to our Academy Day and the way it is organised between 8.40am and 3.00pm.

The start and end times of the Academy Day will remain the same, so there is no impact on transport or responsibilities for our families. The changes relate only to how the day itself is organised.

When making this change, I have worked closely with pupils, including our Student Leadership Team, as well as our staff, to take their views. This pupil and staff voice has shaped my decision making.

Key priorities have been:

- Extending lunch time to increase social time for pupils.
- Increasing duty staff numbers at lunch time so that more toilets can be effectively staffed and managed.
- A single, whole-school lunch where all pupils and staff can be together as a community.
- Greater flexibility to run clubs, activities and open the astro-turf at lunch time for pupils.

Therefore, from September, the Academy Day below will be in operation:

Staff and Student Breakfast (20) 8:20 – 8:40	
Staff on gates from 8.20. Whistle at 8.38	
Tutor Time (40)	8.40 – 9.20
Period 1 (55)	9.20 – 10.15
Period 2 (55)	10.15 – 11.10
Break (20)	11.10 – 11.30
Period 3 (55)	11.30 – 12.25
Period 4 (Lunch) (45)	12.25 – 1.10

Period 5 (55)	1.10 – 2.05
Period 6 (55)	2.05 – 3.00
Accelerate	3.00 – 3.50

Having met with many of you during my time as the Principal, I know some of you have commented on the length of lunch time and have said you would like to see this increase. Our pupils have also suggested that this would improve their experience at

school and help them be more focused in the afternoons. I agree, and as a result, have made this change as an example of our partnership work together.

There are some other important changes of strategy as part of the new Academy Day:

- We are returning to Tutor Time and Tutors, and the terminology of Coaching Time and Coaches will no longer be used.
- Tutor Time in the morning is to be extended from 20 minutes to 40 minutes to include a series of activities across the week, which will change depending on the day. This time will include our well-established line-ups, uniform and equipment checks, and Morning Meeting Quizzes, but will extend to include Principal video updates, PSHE themes, Careers information, Behaviour and Safeguarding Curriculum, Attendance Cards, Reading at Key Stage 3 and Academic Intervention at Key Stage 4.
- Grab and go food will end entirely and no food sold in the cafeteria will be eaten outside of the cafeteria. Plates, cutlery and traditional dining will be reinstated to improve our sense of community and sense of belonging. We are improving our server strategy and cafeteria with extra seating and wash stations ahead of this change. I think it is important that pupils can eat properly and sit down together to do this.

I am confident that this change, in many ways to a more traditional Academy Day structure, will be welcomed by families and by our pupils. I also know it will help us to keep getting better and ensure that everything we do is focused on learning.

If you do have any queries or questions, do not hesitate to contact me via the Academy Office.

Kind regards



Mr M Brett
Principal

