

# Time for a Change

From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July we will be changing the length of our lessons and the times we give pupils for breaks. There will be no changes to the start and end time of the school day, (we will continue to start at 8.35 and finish at 3.00 pm); we are simply rearranging the structure of the day.

<b>Period 1</b>	<b>8.35 am – 9.35 am</b>
<i>Break</i>	<i>9.35 am – 9.55 am</i>
<b>Period 2</b>	<b>9.55 am – 10.55 am</b>
<b>Period 3</b>	<b>10.55 am – 11.55 am</b>
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>11.55 am – 12.25 pm</i>
<b>Tutor</b>	<b>12.25 pm – 12.50 pm</b>
<b>Period 4</b>	<b>12.50 pm – 1.50 pm</b>
<i>Break</i>	<i>1.50 pm – 2.00 pm</i>
<b>Period 5</b>	<b>2.00 pm – 3.00 pm</b>

As you can see, pupils will now have lessons that are 1 hour long and they will have an additional break in the afternoon. There are many benefits to this new model, including:

- Giving more time for subjects to prepare pupils for the new 9-1 GCSEs. The new GCSE qualifications that our pupils sit place more emphasis on the quality of pupils' writing skills. To help our pupils prepare for this, we have

lengthened all their lessons so that all subjects can include at least 15-20 minutes of independent writing, without compromising on the time they have to study the subject-specific content.

- Increasing the opportunities to access toilets and have a short break. Our pupils have told us that they want to be able to have more access to the toilets, and our new model would allow this without interrupting lessons.
- Giving pupils time to eat something healthy in the morning. The timings of the new morning break, (9.35 am – 9.55 am), will mean that students who have missed breakfast will be able to get something sensible to eat before going to periods 2 and 3.
- Saving time with less movement across the school site. By reducing the day from 6 lessons to 5 we will reduce the amount of time students spend walking across the site between lessons. As our school expands, with increasing numbers of pupils in each year group, there are both safety benefits and a reduction in time wasted from this change.