

22 March 2019

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Principal: Ms Siobhan Hearne

Dear Parents and Carers

Consultation on amending the timing of the College day from September 2019

We wish to consult on a proposal that will see the end of the college day change to 3.00pm from September 2019. This reduction in the length of the college day would be brought about due to our wish to reduce, but retain, our lunchtime period.

We truly value the opportunities that a lunchbreak brings for our students: we have a range of enrichment opportunities on offer; we run lunchtime revision and intervention sessions; and it provides an opportunity for those who wish to do so to play and mix informally with their peers. We want to maintain all of this and believe that we can do so with a 45-minute lunch period.

However, not all students wish to undertake these opportunities. For these, due to our rapid expansion in student numbers in the last few years, supervised indoor space is limited and the majority of these students 'see out' their lunchtime outside. Although we are very excited about the new buildings that we will have in the next academic year, an increase in supervised indoor dining and communal space is not part of these projects.

By reducing, but maintaining a lunchbreak, we feel that we can deliver a more suitable provision for all. Our current and proposed revised structure is detailed below:

Current Timings

8.25	Warning bell
8.30 – 9.30	Lesson 1
9.30 – 10.30	Lesson 2
10.30 – 10.50	Morning Break
10.50 – 11.50	Lesson 3
11.50 – 12.15	Tutor Time
12.15 – 13.15	Lunch
13.10	Warning bell
13.15 – 14.15	Lesson 4
14.15 – 15.15	Lesson 5
15.15	End of day
15.15 – 17.00	Aspire: homework support

Proposed Timings

8.25	Warning bell
8.30 – 9.30	Lesson 1
9.30 – 10.30	Lesson 2
10.30 – 10.50	Morning Break
10.50 – 11.50	Lesson 3
11.50 – 12.15	Tutor Time
12.15 – 13.00	Lunch
12.55	Warning bell
13.00 – 14.00	Lesson 4
14.00 – 15.00	Lesson 5
15.00	End of day
15.00 – 16.30	Aspire: homework support

Feedback is welcome on this proposal during the consultation period which opens on Friday 22 March 2019 and closes at 3.30pm on Friday 5 April 2019.

Responses can be submitted by:

Email to mail@latimer.org.uk, with the subject title 'Consultation on Timings of the Day September 2019'

By letter to Ms Siobhan Hearne
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In person at Informal consultation meeting
Monday 1 April
3.30pm – 4.30pm
Room Mu1, Masque Theatre

Following the consultation period, notification will be given to parents and carers and students early in Term 5 as to whether the College will implement this change.

We thank you in advance for your consideration on this matter.

Yours sincerely



Ms S Hearne
Principal