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1.5.26

Dear Parents & Carers

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ACADEMY DAY

Thank you for your continued support as we have entered the Summer Term, and again to those parents and carers who provided us with feedback on uniform arrangements for next academic year.

We are now looking to consult with you on some proposed changes to the Academy day and holiday pattern for September 2026/27 onwards. Please discuss these changes as a family, at home, and let us know if you have any feedback by completing the form [here](#). The consultation runs from 1.5.26 to 8.5.26 at 5pm.

Academy Day Proposal for 2026

We are proposing to change the Academy day so that it begins at 8.45am and finishes at 3.30pm.

The rationale for changing the school day is as follows:

- Breakfast Club will begin at 8.15am. This will remain free of charge to every student, every day, and attendance is encouraged.
- Start 5 minutes later at 8.45am, supporting parents/carers who have children at other schools.
- Ensure we can act on the Children's Schools and Wellbeing Bill, which makes statutory the expectation that mobile phones are not present during the school day. We will share further information shortly regarding our plans for mobile phones.
- All students will still have 5 lessons a day and a Personal Development period with their form tutor.
- The proposal retains Period 6 for Year 11, affording them an additional 200 minutes of tuition each week. Year 11's day therefore finishes at 4pm just as it does now.
- A comprehensive Electives programme, encompassing sports, performing arts and academic clubs, as well as DofE. All clubs will remain free of charge for all students.

Academy Calendar

- As a result of the proposed changes, we are able to offer a two week half term holiday in October. This brings with it numerous benefits, including allowing families wishing to take advantage of cheaper holidays a chance to do so.

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- We are also looking to have a sensible hard stop at the end of the summer term, e.g. ending on a full week. Therefore, the academic year would finish on Friday 16th July 2027 (rather than continuing into the next week). Again, we hope this will allow families to take advantage of cheaper holidays.

PROPOSED HOLIDAY AND TERM TIMES (NOT CONFIRMED UNTIL CONSULTATION FINISHES)

Half-Term 1	
Tuesday 2nd September 2026	INSET Day
Wednesday 3rd September 2026	Academy open to Year 7 only
Thursday 4th September 2026	Years 8 - 11 (staggered start)
Friday 23rd October 2026	Close for half-term (2 weeks)

Half-Term 2	
Monday 9th November 2026	The Academy re-opens
Monday 16th November 2026	INSET Day
Friday 18th December 2026	Close for Christmas break

Half-Term 3	
Monday 4th January 2027	The Academy re-opens
Friday 12th February 2027	Close for half-term

Half-Term 4	
Monday 22nd February 2027	The Academy re-opens
Thursday 25th March 2027	Close for Easter

Half-Term 5	
Monday 12th April 2027	The Academy re-opens

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Friday 28th May 2027	Close for half-term
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Half-Term 6	
Monday 7th June 2027	The Academy re-opens
Friday 16th July 2027	Close for summer
Monday 19th July 2027	INSET Day
Tuesday 20th July 2027	INSET Day
Wednesday 21st July 2027	INSET Day

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S. Richardson'.

Shane Richardson
Headteacher