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Dear Parent/Carer

Following discussions with parents, students, and staff and from taking feedback about what they enjoy about school and what would make their experience of school even more enjoyable, we have carried out an extensive review of our curriculum offer and the timings of the school day.

To best enable the improvements, we want to make we are proposing the following changes (highlighted below) from September 2022.

The reasons for these changes are:

- To introduce for **all students** an hour a week of a co-curricular activity of their choosing through the introduction of a broad and exciting 'electives programme'.
- To further broaden the range of opportunities in subjects at Key stage 3 while also maintaining the increased number of options introduced in 2021 for Key stage 4.
- To alter the focus of tutorial whilst maintaining the SMSC/PSHE programme that is so vital for our students.
- To introduce an opportunity for Staff CPD each week to further strengthen the teaching of students across the school.

The key changes that will be occurring are:

- Students will have a six one-hour lesson day on a Monday and a Tuesday.
- The school day will now start at 8:40 this is 5 minutes earlier than the current start time.
- On a Monday and Tuesday, the school day will end at 15:45 a 35 minute later day finish from the current finish time.
- On a Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday the school will continue to have 5 one-hour lessons in the day.
- On a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday school will finish at 14:45 for students which is 25 minutes earlier than the current finish time.
- All students will participate in an elective activity on a Monday during period 6.

The lesson timings and lengths can be seen in the diagram below:



### Current Model

08:45	09:50	1
09:50	10:50	2
10:50	11:10	Break
11:10	12:10	3
12:10	01:10	4
01:10	02:10	Lunch/Tutorial
02:10	03:10	5

### Long Day

08:40	08:55	Tutor
08:55	09:55	1
09:55	10:55	2
10:55	11:10	Break
11:10	12:10	3
12:10	01:10	4
01:10	01:45	Lunch
01:45	02:45	5
02:45	03:45	6

### Short day

08:40	08:55	Tutor
08:55	09:55	1
09:55	10:55	2
10:55	11:10	Break
11:10	12:10	3
12:10	01:10	4
01:10	01:45	Lunch
01:45	02:45	5

Please let us know if you would like to offer some feedback or suggestions about the proposed changes. We hope that the changes will allow for the continued development of the Academy and students can benefit from the exciting plans.

Yours sincerely

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