

New School Day 25/26

Dear Parent/Carer,

This time of year, is one of the best times in the school calendar: Y11 Graduation Ball at Wentworth Woodhouse, Graduation Days for the remaining cohorts and the Sports Presentation Evening. In short, a time of positive reflection and celebrating our students who have embraced the Winterhill Way: Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

It is also that busy time of year where I am working with my team to prepare for the new school year in September. This is where parents/carers must play their part in ensuring that their children are 'ready to learn' when they arrive for school each day.

I have recently communicated with you regarding the **adapted uniform policy** that will come into effect from September. I also stated in the letter that we had been reviewing our current ways of working. The final adaptation to share with you all is regarding how we structure the school day.

The focus of this letter is regarding the adaptations to the new school day from September 2025. These can be summarised as follows:

The start and end times of the new school day have not changed. The school doors will still open at 8:30am, and all students must be in their tutor room for 8.45am. That means parents/carers will need to ensure students are arriving at the school doors for no later than 8.40am.

The times for each lesson are show in the table below:

	Time	Length
Form Time	8:45-9:00 am	15mins
P1	9:00-10:15 am	75mins
Break	10:15-10:35 am	20mins
P2	10:35-11:50 am	75mins
Movement/Toilets	11.50-11.55pm	5mins
P3	11.55-1.10pm	75mins
Lunch	1.10-1.50pm	40mins
P4	1.50-3.00pm	70mins

As you can see, this is not too dissimilar from the current structure in that lessons will continue to be the same length and students will have some form of break or movement time between each lesson.

However, you will also see that **all students** will now all have their break at 10:15 am and lunch at 1:10pm. As a result, the following things will be put in place in September to support this.

- We will re-open two additional social areas, where food can be bought during social times. This will enable students to be served food quickly.
- We will have a greater staff presence on duty at social times, which will further support the students and thus strengthen the safeguarding of the school and allow for lunchtime enrichment.
- Social times have been **extended**, to facilitate students being able to buy food during this extended time. This will also enable students to have more time to socially interact with each other and engage with lunch time enrichment.
- Our new Y7 students will have a dedicated outside space to promote social interactions within their year group to establish new friendships.

If you have any comments, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for continuing support.

Kind regards



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