



9th January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: New school timetable starting 7th February 2020

Happy New Year!

The spring term has started really well and I thank you for your support with our improved standards with uniform. Students look really smart and are wearing their uniform with pride.

As you will already be aware, we are constantly evaluating our progress (our academic progress and outcomes were nationally average last year and significantly higher than the other Hastings schools) and we have noticed that the shorter length lessons are detracting from learning time and creating additional transition points in the school day which are not necessary.

To address this issue, I am pleased to inform you that we are in the process of re-writing a new school timetable that will be ready to start on the 7th February 2020. Lessons will be 60 minutes instead of 50.

The new school day will be:

08:45	Tutor time
09:15	P1
10:15	P2
11:15	Break
11:35	P3
12:35	P4
13:35	Lunch
14:15	P5
15:15	Year 11 compulsory intervention Monday and Tuesday
	Dismissal/optional enrichment (Mon/Tues)
16:05	Dismissal from enrichment/Year 11 intervention

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Your son/daughter will cover the same curriculum subjects with a few minor tweaks:

Tutor time

Character education has been moved into tutor time which is 30 minutes per day. Students will have 2 sessions per week as well as an assembly, PSHRE and a programme during this time.

RE

All students in years 7-9 will study RE as a discreet subject. In years 10 and 11 students will study this as an option.

Dance/PE

We have added Dance into the PE lesson for students in years 7 and 8 to incorporate Dance and an additional PE lesson for students in year 9 to support the science curriculum.

Morning Line-Up

To accommodate the additional 10 minutes for tutor time, morning line-up has been removed. Tutors will check that students have the correct uniform and equipment during this time.

For these changes to be successful, our staff need time to prepare fully so that they are ready to teach their classes and we need to ensure that all students can transition to the new timetable smoothly. For this to happen, school will be closed to years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 on the 30th and 31st January 2020. School will be open and normal lessons will take place for years 11 and 13.

Your son/daughter will be issued with a new timetable during the day of the 6th February 2020 in their tutor group. Assemblies will follow this letter so that students are kept fully up to date with the planned changes that we are making.

I will keep you informed of progress and write again nearer the start time for the timetable. In the meantime, please congratulate your son/daughter on their excellent start to the year.

Yours faithfully,

Stephanie Newman

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