Executive Principal: Helen Winn



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to let you know of an important change to our school's break time and lunch time arrangements, which will be implemented from the start of this new term in January 2025.

While there will be **no change to the start or end times of the school day**, we are making a shift in how we structure break times. From 7th January 2025, instead of having split breaks and split lunches, all students will have:

- One 20-minute morning break
- One 45-minute lunch break

These changes are being introduced for the following reasons:

- Earlier lunchtime: Rather than stretching lunch into the afternoon, we can provide a more
 consistent afternoon learning experience for all students by ensuring all students have their
 lunch by shortly after 1pm
- 2. **Maximising learning time**: With only just over one hour of non-lesson time each day, this arrangement helps to streamline the day while still offering students the opportunity to relax, socialise, and recharge during breaks.
- 3. **More extra-curricular opportunities**: With the new arrangements, teachers will be available to run extra-curricular clubs and activities, which will be beneficial to the broader development of our students. We are excited to offer a greater variety of clubs and activities as a result, and we will be in touch about them shortly.

In order to ensure we can serve all students as efficiently as possible, we need to ask that students either are permitted to use their thumbprint for a biometric reading. Where they do not have a registered biometric reading, they will be provided a pin code that is unique to them in tutor time on Tuesday 7th January. We hope you understand that this is essential if we are to serve all students who wish to be served in a timely manner.

We believe these changes will have a positive impact on the well-being and academic success of our students, as well as enhance their overall school experience. We will continue to monitor the impact of these changes closely and make adjustments as needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school reception or speak with a member of staff. We appreciate your continued support and understanding as we make these improvements.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Warm regards,

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