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Dear Parent/Guardian

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Re: Consultation - Change to the School Day

We are planning to make some changes to the timings of the school day from September 2024, in order

- Accommodate changes in the delivery of PSHE/RSE in light of the recommendations made in the recent DESC PSHE/RSE Review.
- Create a weekly tutorial lesson with a dedicated form tutor.
- Create greater opportunities for enrichment clubs and independent study for students at the end of the school day.

The proposed change sees the compulsory school day commence at 8.45am, no longer including the daily tutorial in which historically PSHE was delivered, replacing it with a dedicated weekly tutorial lesson, moving to a 50 minute lunch break and the compulsory school day finishing earlier. All lessons will still be 50 minutes in duration and there will still be the same number of curriculum lessons and learning hours for all courses running in the Sixth Form.

Proposed times for September 2024 are as follows:

8.45am	5 mins	Formal start to school day
8.50am	50 mins	Lesson I
9.40am	50 mins	Lesson 2
Break	20 mins	Break Time
10.50am	50 mins	Lesson 3
11.40am	50 mins	Lesson 4
12.30pm	50 mins	Lunch Time
1.20pm	50 mins	Lesson 5
2.10pm	50 mins	Lesson 6
3.00pm	Compulsory School Day Ends	

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There will be no need to alter bus times for the morning drop-offs at school but bus pick-up times will need to be altered. Initial research indicates that bus routes could be adapted to support this change. Whilst the compulsory day will finish slightly earlier, Sixth Form students will be able to use dedicated study spaces to work independently up until at least 4.00pm each night.

I would very much appreciate and value your feedback on this proposed change. The consultation will run for one month until 30th March and any queries or feedback you wish to provide can be emailed to <u>parentconsultationSNHS@sch.im</u> during the consultation period.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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Head Teacher