

Our ref: TSE/LST

21st June 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to let you know about a slight change to the organisation of the Year 11 day next year. **Mondays** – Year 11 will continue to finish at 3pm as the majority of this year's Year 11 cohort do (photography students finished at 4.40pm this year). Year 11 students who are up to date with Independent Study will have an increased lunch of 45 minutes compared to the 35 minutes they have had previously.

As you may already be aware, Year 11 students stay later **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays** as follows:

Start	End	Session
8.35am	9.25am	Session 1
9.25am	10.15am	Session 2
10.15am	10.35am	Assembly / Learning Family
10.35am	10.55am	Break
10.55am	11.45am	Session 3
11.45am	12.35pm	Session 4
12.35pm	1.20pm	Lunch
1.20pm	2.10pm	Session 5
2.10pm	3pm	Session 6
3pm	3.50pm	Session 7

The reasons why the day is different for Year11 students:

1. The new 1-9 GCSE qualifications are a lot more content heavy than they have been in the past and we would like to ensure that we can more effectively cover all material and provide additional structured support with exam preparation.
2. Many students already stay after 3pm to complete additional study. By formalising on student timetables we reduce the number of potential clashes between subjects who all need the same group or individuals at any given time.
3. The new model provides 3 hours 20 minutes additional hours of learning each week for Year 11. This equates to nearly 100 additional hours of support in-class before their final exams in May and June 2020.

We understand that this only represents a slight change for the vast majority of students. For a small minority it will be a significant change where they have not been staying after school.

By giving this information now, we trust this will allow time for families to make alternative arrangements if students usually pick up siblings on these days. If these plans present a major problem for your family, please do contact the Academy and speak to your child's College Leader, Mr Holland or Mr Searle.

Yours sincerely,



Tony Searle
Principal



Chief Executive Officer
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