

DMA/LFA

15th July, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

From September we have made some changes to the curriculum to ensure all students get a broad balanced experience from Year 7 to Year 13.

Part of this change is the introduction of a 50 period, two-week timetable. This has allowed us to reduce the number of lessons each day from 6 down to 5, thereby increasing learning time from 50 minutes to 60 minutes for each lesson. This additional time in key areas of the curriculum will significantly enhance the educational experiences of our students.

Even though the timetable is a two-week timetable, each week is very similar to avoid confusion and we have coloured the timetable to support this. Week A will be the Blue week and Week B will be Red. Even though the start and finish times for the Academy remain the same the lesson timings have changed as outlined below:

25 Period week (2 week TT)			
	Lunch 1		Lunch 2
Tutor time	08:35	Tutor time	08:35
1	08:45	1	08:45
2	09:45	2	09:45
Break	10:45	Break	10:45
3	11:05	3	11:05
Lunch	12:05	4	12:05
4	12:45	Lunch	13:05
5	13:45	5	13:45
Tutor Period	14:45	Tutor Period	14:45

As you can see, we are still operating a split-lunch as the Academy continues to grow. You will also notice that alongside the standard Tutor time we have a 15-minute Tutor period at the end of each day. For students in Years 7 – 10 this will be used to focus on reading. Students in Year 11 and 6th form will complete

subject specific support classes and receive guidance/support in careers. One Tutor period each week will be a year group assembly run by the Head of Learning or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

We are excited at these new developments as it has allowed us to be more creative with our curriculum offer, introducing courses like Drama at KS3; Travel & Tourism & Drama at KS4 and Politics at KS5. As an Academy we constantly review our curriculum offer in the best interests of our students and hope to have more exciting additions in the years to come.

In September each year group will have an Introduction Evening. This will be organised by the Head of Learning and the Senior Leadership Team. This will be an opportunity to discuss the year and will include an overview of the curriculum, student timetables, what support is on offer and key dates. Each event will start at 16:45 and finish by 17:30, you will find the dates below:

Year 7 – Monday 7th September (This has changed from 3rd September)

Year 8 - Wednesday 9th September

Year 9 – Monday 14th September

Year 10 – Thursday 10th September

Year 11 – Tuesday 8th September

6th Form – Tuesday 8th September

You will receive more information about the evenings when school resumes in September, this will include any updated guidance on social distancing.

As always if you have any questions please don't hesitate in contacting your Head of Learning.

Thanks again and have a great summer break!

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D Markham', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Mr D Markham
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