

5th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Amidst the challenging and uncertain times we are currently living in, we also need to look beyond the current horizon and start to make plans for the next academic year. While we may not know exactly what that will look like, we are building our timetables at both schools and considering how we may best learn from this strange year.

One of the unforeseen silver linings is that staff have massively improved their skills and knowledge around using technology effectively for teaching and learning and we are keen not to lose the skills we have developed but build on them when we return to full time face to face teaching. We are also keen to reinforce our strong links with local employers and industries, forged over this period when destinations and careers for our students have become so important. This also involves making sure our students have the opportunity to look at flexible options and combinations of subjects.

To that end we have adjusted the times of the day at both schools to align so that we can maximise flexible learning and teaching both with our own staff and with visitors from outside. This will mean each school will go to six lessons a day, with a slightly later close for Solway and a slightly earlier close for Beacon Hill. No teaching time is lost at either site. We are also building in opportunities for students to continue with small group tutoring which has been so successful this year.

School staff are very positive about this proposal and believe it will benefit students at both sites.

The process of consultation will run for six weeks from February 5th 2021. If you would like to give feedback on these proposed changes please contact either school by letter or email by March 19th 2021 with any questions or concerns. You can also complete our online form on https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qGkOm6icp0yJFoL8CYFCVAtHqVJiLaxGvkftEM14_SUNzBSUjcxNzBTSTMyVEpMVFBYRFJRRDhFTC4u

Governors and school leaders will then take into account all feedback before making a decision. We will then inform all stakeholders of any changes.

Please find the proposed times of the school day on the reverse of this letter.

Yours sincerely



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Registration	8:40 - 8:50	10 mins
Lesson 1	8:50 - 9:40	50 mins
Lesson 2	9:40 - 10:30	50 mins
Break	10:30 - 10:55	25 mins
Lesson 3	10:55 - 11:45	50 mins
Lesson 4	11:45 - 12:35	50 mins
Lunch	12:35 - 1:15	40 mins
Registration	1:15 - 1:25	10 mins
Lesson 5	1:25 - 2:15	50 mins
Lesson 6	2:15 - 3:05	50 mins