



April 2018

School day

Dear Parents/Carers,

There has recently been an unprecedented amount of change in the education system-eg the introduction of new and more challenging GCSE and A level courses, the introduction of the new grading system at GCSE, the removal of national curriculum levels at primary and secondary level and the introduction of a new national curriculum at key stage 3. We are keen to ensure that these changes are implemented smoothly and over the last three years the governing body have agreed to us having an extra teacher training day on an annual basis. Now that nearly all the changes have taken place, there is a need for all teaching staff to be able to meet on a regular basis as departments to implement the changes and establish the highest possible standards at King Charles I School. From September 2018 we will be amending the timings of the school day to give teaching staff regular dedicated time at the end of the school day to meet and collaborate within their departments.

Current school day

Time	Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri		Time	Wed
8.40	Tutor time		8.40	Tutor time
9.10	Period 1		8.55	Period 1
10.10	Period 2		9.55	Period 2
11.10	Break		10.55	Break
11.35	Period 3		11.20	Period 3
12.35	Lunch		12.20	Lunch
13.20	Period 4		13.05	Period 4
14.20	Period 5		14.05	Period 5
15.20	End of school		15.05	End of school

New school day from September 2018

We will be reducing tutor time on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 30 to 20 mins; increasing tutor time on Wednesdays from 15 to 20 mins; decreasing break time from 25 to 20 mins; decreasing lunchtime from 45 to 35 mins; and having the same structure on all school days.

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8.40	Tutor time
9.00	Period 1
10.00	Period 2
11.00	Break
11.20	Period 3
12.20	Lunch
12.55	Period 4
13.55	Period 5
14.55	End of school

I would like to point out the following:

- Students will have no reduction in the amount of time they are in lessons (25 hours per week);
- All students will be able to have their lunch as our experiences show that the queues in the dining rooms have cleared within 20 minutes. We were originally going to reduce the lunchtime from 45 to 30 mins but feel that a reduction of 10 mins is more appropriate;

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- We have contacted Worcestershire County Council and they are to re-organise the various taxis to come at the new time for the end of the school day;
- We have contacted the local bus providers and there will be buses available to take students to Chaddesley Corbett just after the new time for the end of the school day;
- An earlier end to the school day will help and support the PE department in organising extra-curricular and competitive sporting activities;
- The new timings will not cause any issues for Years 12 and 13 students travelling to and from Haybridge High School;
- We will be extending the homework club on each site to run for 90 minutes every day after school rather than the 60 minutes it currently runs for. Students can always go to homework club if another after school club has been cancelled;
- We will regularly review and evaluate the new timings for the school day to ensure there are no unintended consequences; and
- There are several other benefits to the proposed timings for the school day-eg we would have the same timings for all five days of the week, there would be a greater opportunity for students and staff to travel home during the winter months when it is light etc.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Brownlow
Headteacher