

Ref: AEM/EWA/School Day

12 December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Changes to the structure of the school day

Although arrangements for timetabling have been effectively managed over a number of years, the complexity of such arrangements are now under considerable scrutiny.

There are a number of factors affecting the production of an effective timetable including physical constraints, curriculum design, academic resource and the patterns of teaching. With the reformed and strengthened GCSE examinations, schools are now considering the best way to comprehensively and successfully deliver vital curriculum aspects throughout a young person's Secondary schooling.

At the City of Peterborough Academy we have undertaken a rigorous curriculum review, addressing the best needs of our students. Senior Leaders and I have been looking at every aspect involved in the decision making process, coupled with education pedagogy and best practice around the structure of the school day. Currently the school week is divided into 30 x 50 minute periods.

Our plan is to move to 25 x 60 minute lessons after the Christmas break. The rationale regarding this is to allow students extended time to make more consistent progress, fewer periods of transition and a reduction of movement times between lessons. It will also provide greater flexibility within our curriculum offer.

The school day will be structured as follows:

8.35am	Warning Bell
8.40am – 8.50am	Tutorial
8.50am – 9.50am	Period 1
9.50am – 10.50am	Period 2
10.50am – 11.10am	Break
11.10am – 12.10pm	Period 3
12.10pm-13.10pm	Period 4
13.10pm – 14.10pm	Lunch 13.10pm – 13.30pm Key Stage 4 tutorial 13.50pm – 14.10pm Key stage 3 tutorial
14.10pm – 15.10pm	Period 5
15.10pm	End of the school day

At the start of next term your child will receive their new timetable; our Extended Leadership Team will also be reviewing pupil sets at a time. The purpose of this is to ensure that every child has the appropriate curriculum, challenge and support for their bespoke learning requirements.

If you have any questions or queries about this please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs A Emmerson