



18<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Changes for September

We are excited for the future developments that are being introduced and considered because of our ongoing links with Stewards. We have embedded cross-trust teaching and have been able to offer new KS4 courses next year, increasing opportunities for our young people. As with all growth, this undoubtedly leads to some adjustments and change to manage new processes, and this is the case for us as of September. So, what is changing?

### Timings of the School Day

To allow for travel between the two schools we need to align the timings of the school day.

	Key Stage 3
<b>Registration</b>	08:45-08:55
<b>Period 1</b>	08:55-09:55
<b>Period 2</b>	09:55-10:55
<b>Break</b>	10:55-11:15
<b>Period 3</b>	11:15-12:15
<b>Period 4</b>	12:15-13:15
<b>Lunch</b>	13:15-13:45
<b>PCT</b>	13:45-14:15
<b>Period 5</b>	14:15-15:15
<b>After school</b>	Clubs (NOT MONDAYS)

	Key Stage 4
<b>Registration</b>	08:45-08:55
<b>Period 1</b>	08:55-09:55
<b>Period 2</b>	09:55-10:55
<b>Break</b>	10:55-11:15
<b>Period 3</b>	11:15-12:15
<b>Period 4</b>	12:15-13:15
<b>PCT</b>	13:15-13:45
<b>Lunch</b>	13:45-14:15
<b>Period 5</b>	14:15-15:15
<b>After school</b>	Clubs (NOT MONDAYS)

### What is the impact of this change?

Firstly, we will be moving to one break for the whole school. I know there have already been some concerns raised about access to food / toilets and overcrowding during this time, and our plan will be to run several 'new style' breaks before the end of the year to trouble shoot all concerns. We will gather ongoing stakeholder feedback to help finalise plans for September.

Secondly, we will be moving to Key Stage lunches which will be timetabled against Pastoral Curriculum Time. This will directly impact the structure of tutor groups, but we feel that having a clear split between KS3 and KS4 will be more beneficial, especially as students head into their GCSE studies.

Tutor groups in KS3 will remain vertical but there will be some changes to these as there will be fewer tutor groups in this new structure. This may result in a change of tutor or change of tutor group completely. If this is the case, students will move with others that they know already.

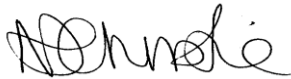
Tutor groups in KS4 will be in year groups by house and students will have the same tutor for the two years. We have seen the benefits of year 11s being in these tutor groups and are confident that this will positively impact year 10 as well.

Information on new tutor groups will be shared when we return after May half term.

We are currently reviewing processes and practice and there may well be some other changes for next year, but none that will have such an impact on the day to day running of the school.

Change can be difficult, but with appropriate planning before September, we will make the transition as seamless as possible and ensure our community are confident with what is to come.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Christie', written in a cursive style.

Natalie Christie  
**Principal**