

8th March 2019

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to meeting the Class of 2026 very soon and as such I am busy planning for the next academic year. I would like to consult with you on some changes / improvements that will be made next year in light of feedback the academy has received from families and scholars. As always, we aim to provide first class customer service.

1. PE Kit

In light of feedback from scholars, we are amending the academy PE Kit from the current tracksuit bottoms to ones which are made from a fleece material. Scholars who have the current PE tracksuit bottoms can continue to wear those so there should be no additional costs to our existing families until the scholars are due a new pair.

2. Introduction of Data Evenings

Some families have suggested they would find having an informal evening after data goes home useful, so family members can visit the academy and speak to a member of staff about their child's data if they have a concern or query about how their child is progressing.

3. Co-curricular

World class schools provide many opportunities beyond formal exams to open doors for young people in the future. We pride ourselves on what we offer beyond the formal curriculum. Currently, our scholars do at least one co – curricular enrichment after the end of the formal day and one co – curricular elective totalling 90 minutes between both sessions. Scholars and staff have noted that the two separate sessions is not useful to do in-depth sessions for example, when playing sports as time especially time getting changed. Some families have noted on the days of co-curricular enrichment the academy is particularly long especially when a correction has to be served.

The proposal is:

- scholars to have one co-curricular elective session of 90 minutes on a Thursday, this would mean scholars finish at 15:30, rather than the current 15:00 finish
- scholars then do not have to do an enrichment Monday – Wednesday and so removing their compulsory 16:45 finish
- the compulsory amount of time in school is then reduced by 15 minutes over the week
- tailored tuition to continue Monday – Wednesday from 16:00 – 16:30 for those scholars who need additional support
- we provide optional enrichments that scholars can then opt into if they want to on a Friday from 15:00 – 15:45
- corrections would be then served at the end of the school day except if the scholar has a tailored tuition when the correction would then be served after their session



Benefits:

- reduce the length of our longer days
- less complicated arrangement for families (finish time would be 16:00 Monday – Wednesday, 15:30 on a Thursday and 15:00 on a Friday), all scholars from all year groups finishing at same time (helpful for siblings)
- reduce the amount of communication home about changes to co-curricular, as these will all be done in the Thursday 14:00 – 15:30 session (all scholars will be in the academy)
- improve the quality of co-curricular offer by giving more time

Yours sincerely

W.J. Davies

Wesley Davies
Principal

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REPLY SLIP
Please return to reception by Friday 15th March 2019

Scholar name: _____

Advisory: _____

Siblings: _____

Please complete the following slip ticking the boxes that apply:

- I am aware of the changes to the PE Kit for 2019 – 2020
- I would support the additional data evenings
- I do not think the additional data evenings are necessary
- I would prefer the academy day to remain unchanged
- I would support the academy day changes and the changes to co – curricular



