

NMB/P:/SW/NewSchoolDay
8 July 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: New School Day – September 2016

On Wednesday 4 May 2016, we wrote to you all regarding a proposal to change the start and finish times of the school day. This proposal was approved on Tuesday 7 June 2016, with a few changes.

The timetable will consist of a two week timetable of 25 x 1 hour lessons per week for Years 9 - 13 and 24 x 1 hour lessons per week for Years 7 and 8. Years 7 and 8 will finish at 2:00pm on one day per week which, for 2016-17, will be a Monday. This new school day is listed below and will be implemented in September 2016.

- 8:30am – 8:50am Registration, Assemblies and 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 – 1:10pm Period 4
- 1:10pm – 1:55pm LUNCH BREAK
- 1:55pm – 2:00pm Registration
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm Period 5

As can be seen above the only change that has been accommodated is the 2,2,1, lesson arrangement and the reintroduction of the afternoon registration, which has been incorporated as a result of our consultation.

Consultation Summary

As identified in the consultation information 'Nil responses' from stakeholders who elected not to participate were interpreted as broadly supportive. In addition the following responses were received: Parents = 4, Students = 1, Staff = 39 (Total 44 Responses)

- 66% Preference 1 hr lessons (16 Responses)
- 68% Preference two week balanced timetable (22 Responses)
- 92% Preference 2,2,1 lesson split (40 Responses)
- 81% Preference doubles (11 Responses)

We are confident that these changes will bring real benefits to teaching and learning at Shirley with improved links at Post 16 and an additional focus on Year 9-13 students.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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Chair of Governors