

مدرسة سنت كريستوفر
St Christopher's School

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Dear Parents

Trial Re-structuring of the School Day

I am writing with regard to changes in the timings of the School Day on a **trial basis** from **Wednesday 15 September to Thursday 11 November 2010** inclusive. Please find the timings in the table below for your immediate reference. It is important to note that the start time of the day, the number of lessons in a day, lesson length and Assembly and Registration timings are unaffected. The key changes are that the lunch break is extended to 55 minutes, the second break is reduced to 10 minutes and School will finish at 2.40pm

Rationale for the new timings

It has been noted that there is significant interaction between staff and students at lunchtime, either in the form of individual meetings, small group discussions, Music and Drama rehearsals, House matches and so forth. This interaction is highly valued by the School and it is very clear that it plays a significant part in the wider education of the students, the building of good relationships and student learning. It has been noted too that these events are often compressed somewhat unsatisfactorily into the existing lunch break length of 40 minutes. Given the high value that we place on this level of interaction, it has been decided to re-structure the day on a trial basis to allow for an extended lunch break of 55 minutes to provide opportunities for less time-pressured and, consequently, more meaningful contact at all levels.

Evaluation

The trial will be subject to a full evaluation and review and a decision to continue with the new structure or to revert to the previous structure will be taken following the review in the week beginning Sunday 7 November 2010.

New timings of the School Day from 15 September to 11 November 2010	
Registration	0750 - 0810
Lesson 1	0810 - 0850
Lesson 2	0850 - 0930
Changeover	0930 - 0935
Lesson 3	0935 - 1015
Lesson 4	1015 - 1055
Lunch	1055 - 1150
Lesson 5	1150 - 1230
Lesson 6	1230 - 1310
Break	1310 - 1320
Lesson 7	1320 - 1400
Lesson 8	1400 - 1440

We are, as ever, highly appreciative of your support of the School.

Yours sincerely

Steven Keeble
Deputy Head Teacher

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