

26 May 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

School Day Timings

We wrote to parents/carers in April to gain feedback on our plans to include enrichment within the school day. Having reviewed feedback from parents/carers, students, staff and governors, we can share our final plans for the curriculum and school day from September 2023.

Please see below the confirmed timings of the school day for next year.

School Day 2023 – 2024 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday	
Thursday and Friday	
Students must be on-site for 08:20	
	Student Timings
Period 1	08:25 - 09:40
Period 2	09:40 -10:55
Break	10:55 - 11:15
Period 3	11:15 -12:30
Lunch	12:30 - 13:10
Tutor	13:10 – 13:35
Period 4	13:35 -14:50
Period 5 (Year 11 only)	14:50 - 15:40

School Day 2023 – 2024 - Wednesday only	
Students must be on-site for 08:20	
	Student Timings
Period 1	08:25 - 09:40
Period 2	09:40 - 10:55
Break	10:55 - 11:15
Period 3	11:15 - 12:30
Lunch	12:30 - 13:10
Enrichment	13:10 - 14:50

Enrichment will take place on Wednesday afternoons between 13:30 and 14:50. Students will opt into an enrichment session for a term. Students will be making their choices over the coming weeks in preparation for September.

We have now committed to 4 x 75-minute lessons a day. Following the move to 95-minute lessons as part of our Covid-19 risk assessment we feel lessons longer than the traditional 1 hour have multiple benefits, but we also recognise that 95-minutes was perhaps too long for some students. We feel 75 minutes provides a perfect balance.

In this new school day, students must also be on site for 08:20. Any student who is not through the single point of entry by 08:20 will be marked late. This will ensure movement around the academy in the morning is done safely and ensure that all students are seated in their lesson ready to start at 08:25. The academy site will be open to students from 07:30 each morning should parents need to drop their child off early.

We are very excited about our new curriculum, and we are certain that it will provide multiple opportunities and benefits to our students.

If you have any concerns or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate in getting in touch via enquiries@wathacademy.com.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ransome **Principal**