



# Saint Joseph's

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Dear parent/carer,

As we come to the end of the academic year, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during this year.

I also wanted to draw your attention to some positive changes that will be in effect from September to ensure that we can ensure the best experience and outcomes for our students.

As you will be aware from my previous letter in May, we are altering the way in which the curriculum is delivered. From September 2024, St Joseph's will operate a daily timetable of five, one-hour long lessons. This will be of benefit to our learners as there will be fewer lessons after lunch - we have noticed that some students struggle currently with two or three afternoon lessons. In addition, we will move from a 50-minute lesson to an hour-long lesson to enable more independent practice to happen in lessons and maximise students' learning time. This in turn, will help them to master the subject specific skills required for each curriculum area.

This change has also led to a slight change of start and finish times of the school day which are outlined below. You'll notice that we will be beginning and finishing the school day 5 minutes earlier (8:50 and 3:30 respectively).

8:50-8:55	AM Reg
8:55 - 9:55 AM	Period 1
9:55-10:55	Period 2
10:55-11:20	Break
11:20-12:20	Period 3
12:20-1:20	Period 4
1:20-2:10	Lunch
2:10-2:30	Form Time / Assembly
2:30-3:30	Period 5

Another positive addition for September will be the introduction of a Year 7 and 11 only day at the beginning of September. All Year 7 and 11 students will begin the school year on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September and all Year groups will then be present in school from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September. This staggered start will be of huge benefit to the Year 7 students joining us in September as they begin



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their transition, and also will ensure that Year 11 begin their all-important year with us and get to maximise their lesson time prior to the mock exams which begin the following Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

We are confident that these changes will have a very positive impact on our school day, the students' learning and ultimately the outcomes that they secure at GCSE.

Yours sincerely

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