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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to let you know about some changes we are making to the structure of the school day from September. There will be no change to the start or end of the school day and the overall amount of teaching time remains the same, but the lesson structure will be as follows:

8.25 - 8.45: Tutor time 8.45 - 9.45: Period 1 9.45 - 10.45: Period 2 10.45 -11.15: Break 11.15 -12.15: Period 3 12.15 - 1.15: Period 4 1.15 - 2.10: Lunch 2.10 - 3.10: Period 5

There are pros and cons to any particular arrangement of a school day but we feel that, on balance, having five one hour lessons per day will provide a more efficient structure for learning.

Given the later lunchtime, you will notice that we have extended the length of breaktime and will make sure that there is a greater choice of more substantial food available at this time.

We have consulted on these changes with students, via the Student Council, and they agreed that these changes are sensible. Teachers are overwhelmingly in favour of the changes. Nevertheless, we shall monitor the impact of the changes carefully and are prepared to make further tweaks if necessary.

As ever, if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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