

16 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Proposed changes to the academy day

I hope you and your family are well.

As part of our planning for the new academic year we are proposing some slight changes to the academic day. Some of the structures that we have introduced due to Covid-19 have worked very well and have had a positive impact on learning; we want to build on these and continue to improve the learning experiences for our students.

Positive benefits to the changes include, but are not limited to:

- An increased focus on reading and literacy across the academy. This will have a positive impact on student learning and understanding of key vocabulary
- Dedicated training and development time (every Wednesday afternoon) for all staff to reflect on their planned curriculum and improve their classroom practice, having a positive impact on learning and retention
- Morning line-up brings a calm and purposeful start to the day for all students
- Structured year group lunch ensures there is a calm and safe space for all students to eat with their friends
- An improved quality of education for all students

The proposed structure of the academy day is as follows:

Year 7

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

08.30 – 08.50	Line-up & Personal Tutor Time
08.50 – 09.20	Academy Reading
09.20 – 10.20	Period 1
10.20 – 11.20	Period 2
11.20 – 11.50	Period 3A
11.50 – 12.20	Lunch
12.20 – 12.50	Period 3B
12.50 – 13.50	Period 4
13.50 – 14.50	Period 5

Year 7

Wednesday

08.30 – 08.40	Line-up & Personal Tutor Time
08.40 – 09.40	Period 1
09.40 – 10.40	Period 2
10.40 – 11.40	Period 3
11.40 – 12.10	Period 4A
12.10 – 12.40	Lunch
12.40 – 13.10	Period 4B
13.10 – 14.10	Period 5

Year 8

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

08.30 – 08.50	Line-up & Personal Tutor Time
08.50 – 09.20	Academy Reading
09.20 – 10.20	Period 1
10.20 – 11.20	Period 2
11.20 – 11.50	Lunch
11.50 – 12.50	Period 3
12.50 – 13.50	Period 4
13.50 – 14.50	Period 5

Year 8

Wednesday

08.30 – 08.40	Line-up & Personal Tutor Time
08.40 – 09.40	Period 1
09.40 – 10.40	Period 2
10.40 – 11.40	Period 3
11.40 – 12.10	Lunch
12.10 – 13.10	Period 4
13.10 – 14.10	Period 5

Year 9

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

08.30 – 08.50	Line-up & Personal Tutor Time
08.50 – 09.20	Academy Reading
09.20 – 10.20	Period 1
10.20 – 11.20	Period 2
11.20 – 11.50	Lunch
11.50 – 12.50	Period 3
12.50 – 13.50	Period 4
13.50 – 14.50	Period 5

Year 9

Wednesday

08.30 – 08.40	Line-up & Personal Tutor Time
08.40 – 09.40	Period 1
09.40 – 10.40	Period 2
10.40 – 11.40	Period 3
11.40 – 12.10	Lunch
12.10 – 13.10	Period 4
13.10 – 14.10	Period 5

Year 10

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

08.30 – 08.50	Line-up & Personal Tutor Time
08.50 – 09.20	Academy Reading
09.20 – 10.20	Period 1
10.20 – 11.20	Period 2
11.20 – 12.20	Period 3
12.20 – 12.50	Lunch
12.50 – 13.50	Period 4
13.50 – 14.50	Period 5

Year 10

Wednesday

08.30 – 08.40	Line-up & Personal Tutor Time
08.40 – 09.40	Period 1
09.40 – 10.40	Period 2
10.40 – 11.40	Period 3
11.40 – 12.40	Period 4
12.40 – 13.10	Lunch
13.10 – 14.10	Period 5

Year 11

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

08.30 – 08.50	Line-up & Personal Tutor Time
08.50 – 09.20	Academy Reading
09.20 – 10.20	Period 1
10.20 – 11.20	Period 2
11.20 – 12.20	Period 3
12.20 – 12.50	Lunch
12.50 – 13.50	Period 4
13.50 – 14.50	Period 5

Year 11

Wednesday

08.30 – 08.40	Line-up & Personal Tutor Time
08.40 – 09.40	Period 1
09.40 – 10.40	Period 2
10.40 – 11.40	Period 3
11.40 – 12.40	Period 4
12.40 – 13.10	Lunch
13.10 – 14.10	Period 5

We invite all stakeholders to let us know their thoughts on this proposal by emailing the following email address: nmarshall@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk by Wednesday 30th June 2021.

If following the consultation, this proposal is sanctioned by governors, we would like to start the new timings for the start of the academic year in September 2021.

Yours sincerely



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Principal