

June 2024

Dear families

Approved changes to the academy day on Thursdays

I am writing to you to inform you of the decision following the consultation regarding the change to the academy day on Thursday. Your feedback is important to us and with the positive responses from vast majority of families we have made the decision to go ahead with the change to the academy day on Thursdays.

From 2 September 2024, we plan to deliver PDS lessons at different times for different year groups. This will allow for each year group to be in the theatre, where the Head of Year, a member of SLT and the Head of Careers will deliver the sessions. As the PDS sessions will be at different times for different year groups, it will make it a lot easier to also arrange for external speakers to come and talk to our students. In addition to this, our students will not have nearly two hours in form rooms, every Thursday afternoon. Students will still have a fortnightly PDS session in form time, so that there is still opportunity for small group discussion and debate.

As the Thursday lesson after lunch will no longer be PDS but a subject lesson, this will now be the same duration as all the subject lessons, 55 minutes, for timetabling reasons. This means that **the academy day on Thursday will finish at 2:45pm from the start of the next academic year.**

Yours sincerely

Mr R Mohammed
Principal

