

6th May, 2022



Dear Parent/Carer

Parental Update 89

Firstly, a belated *Eid Mubarak* to all those who have been celebrating Eid this week (as I know a number of students have been). I trust the end of Ramadan has been a happy one for everyone concerned!

Farewell

We bid farewell to Mrs Clayton in a little under a fortnight's time. Mrs Clayton has worked as a Learning Support Assistant in the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Department for almost a decade, helping many of our students who need extra help to make good progress in their learning. We're deeply grateful for her significant contribution to the life of our school and wish her every success and happiness for the future.

External exams

By the time I pen my next fortnightly letter, the summer external exams season will be well under way. Please do hold all those taking external exams in your thoughts and prayers – and if time allows do also please pray for the practical arrangements for the upcoming exam season too, as it's the first time for three years that we've had a summer exam season!

If you have a son or daughter who's taking exams and is finding the situation overly stressful, do please get in touch with our pastoral team – it's what we're here for.

Many thanks to all the students who supported our Easter Revision School over the Easter break – and thanks to the staff who volunteered their time to help too (including one colleague who came in on their birthday!). We hope every student who came found the session(s) helpful.

Consultation outcomes

Many thanks too to all those who responded to the recent consultations about the timings (and shape) of the school day, and about the possible additional INSET Day on Friday 24th June. I can now confirm that Friday 24th June will be an INSET Day – so **school will be closed to all students that day**.

I can also advise you the Governors have determined the timings of the school day for next year. Students will be expected to be **in their form-rooms for registration** at 8:45am (so please plan for arrival at the school gates at **8:40am**). Lessons will finish at **3:20pm** every day except Thursday, when the finish will be **2:55pm** (to allow for staff training).

A full schedule for the day is included at the end of this *Update*.

Uniform reminder

We've noticed a few students coming into school in non-regulation footwear in recent weeks. Please could I ask all parents to ensure their son or daughter has appropriate shoes for the school day? Trainers are *not* appropriate footwear; if there's any doubt about what is permitted and what

is not, there's a useful summary of our uniform policy [here](#) (with a link to some guidance on footwear).

Liverpool Parenting Newsletter

I've been asked (and am more than happy!) to pass on the following message to you:

Liverpool's Parenting Coordinator [Chris Cavanagh] has produced the winter edition of Liverpool's Parenting Newsletter with information on services available for you and your family across the city. Your council and partners have services to support families in all areas and hope that you find the information you need in here.

<https://sway.office.com/F51soq0bn2mWYo7U?ref=Link>

If you have any questions please contact parenting@liverpool.gov.uk

Finally

Our next *Update* is due to be sent out on Friday 20th May. In the meantime do enjoy the increasingly summer-like weather – it's a great excuse for all of us to get out for a walk or a bike ride, and to enjoy some fresh air and exercise!

Yours faithfully



Stephen Brierley
Principal.

The Shape of the School Day from September 2022					
	Key Stage 3	Key Stage 4	Key Stage 5		
08:30					08:30
B	Staff Briefing (2 days per week)			B	
08:40					08:40
M				M	
08:45					08:45
W	Worship/Reading	Worship/Reading	Worship/Learning for Life	W	
09:15					09:15
1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	1	
10:15					Th: 10:10
2a	Break	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	2a	Th: 10:25
10:30	Lesson 2				2b
11:15			Break	Break	2c
11:30					Th: 11:30
3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	3	Th: 12:15
12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	L	
1:20					Th: 1:05
4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	4	Th: 2:00
2:20					
5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	5	Th: 2:55
3:20		5-minute break then Staff CPD			
4:55		(Thursday only)		C	Th: 5:00