

Dear Parents/Carers

Rossett School regularly reviews its curriculum and procedures to ensure that our students receive the highest quality teaching and learning experience available.

The Senior Leadership Team have reviewed the current timetabling provision and some minor changes to the structure of the school day. These discussions have resulted in the following changes which will take place from September 2016:

Timetable

We currently run a 'one-week timetable' delivering 25 lessons per week. From September 2016 this will change to a 'two-week timetable' delivering 50 lessons per fortnight. This change will provide the following benefits:

- New Key Stage 4 Option courses will receive five hours a fortnight; this is different to the current model where we have two hours per week for one year of the course, and three hours for the second;
- A Level students will receive nine hours of tuition per subject a fortnight compared to the four hours a week they currently receive;
- Year 8 students will receive three hours per fortnight of History and Geography.

Students will only experience slight changes between 'Week A' and 'Week B' and we will introduce various reminders in school to assist with this. For your reference, the school's 2016-17 academic calendar is available on the website and details the pattern of weeks [A and B](#):

Change to form time

Form time will move to the start of the school day from its current position after period 2. We believe this change will improve communication and support our offer to students in the following ways:

- Form Tutors will be able to announce important messages to students at the start of the day;
- Form Tutors will be able to address any questions or concerns from students immediately;
- Year groups will also have assemblies at this time, facilitating a meaningful beginning to the school day.
- The focus will be on a smart and well-prepared beginning to the teaching day.

Time	Activity
8.50-9.05	Tutor time/Form Period/Assemblies
9.05-10.05	Period 1
10.05-11.05	Period 2
11.05-11.25	Break
11.25-12.25	Period 3
12.25 – 1.10	Early Lunch (Years 7, 8)
12.25 – 1.25	Period 4 (Years 9,10,11,12,13)
1.10-2.10	Period 4 (Years 7, 8)
1.25-2.10	Late Lunch (Years 9,10,11,12,13)
2.10-3.10	Period 5
3.10	End of school day

With thanks, in anticipation, for your support with these changes.

Yours sincerely

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