



July 2022

Dear Families

It is hard to believe that the end of the academic year is upon us already. Having only joined Sackville in January, the year has certainly accelerated towards July much quicker than usual. There is so much I have to be grateful for in that time. This is a great school and a wonderful community which I am privileged to now be part of.

Back in January we still had the restriction of conversing with colleagues and students' through face masks. But you can tell a lot from a person's eyes and as more and more things opened up in society, so too did we and we were all ready for it. Students have experienced a near normal curriculum and gained valuable experiences from a full programme of extracurricular activities, trips and visits. We have seen students sit external public exams for the first time in 3 years and have been able to open our doors once again to visitors and parents/carers for information evenings, meetings and student events and performances such as in music, drama and sports. School life has felt much more like it should, with an air of optimism and activity.

It is also true to say that the past two years have taken their toll on society and in particular young people. We are alert to these factors and are committed to supporting those students over the next year and beyond to help ensure they get the best quality academic and pastoral support they need to grow as young people, overcome obstacles and achieve their very best. We have a great team of staff ready to get going once September comes around.

New School Day Timings from 1 September 2022

Following our consultation, I am pleased to confirm that from 1 September 2022 the governors have agreed for us to move to our new school day timings. The school day will continue to start at 8.25am but will conclude at 2.50pm each day (this is 5 minutes earlier than the originally proposed 2.55pm).

The earlier finish has come about as Metrobus are unable to apply the full adjustment we required to the timetable of the 291 bus serving Forest Row. This is a short term issue, which we will look to resolve for September 2023.

We received feedback from a few families, for which we are grateful. The feedback was overwhelmingly in favour of the changes being made and we will therefore be implementing the new timings in full as shown in the table below:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:

Wednesday only:

8.25	Tutor time		8.25	Tutor time
8.55	Period 1		9.05	Period 1
9.55	Period 2		10.05	Period 2
10.55	Break		11.05	Break
11.20	Period 3		11.25	Period 3
12.20	Period 4		12.25	Period 4
13.20	Lunch		13.25	Lunch
13.55	Period 5		13.55	Period 5
14.50	End of school day		14.50	End of school day

Key dates

On **Friday 2 September** only **year 7 will be in school** allowing us time to focus on their important transition to secondary school. Alongside our **year 12 enrolment**.

All other year groups will return to school on **Monday 5 September** at 8.25am.

A level results day is Thursday 18 August and **GCSE results** day is Thursday 25 August.

Over the summer break we will be running an inaugural **summer school**, targeted at a number of our younger students and those with English as an additional language. Staff will be supported by Sixth Form students who have recently undergone training in teaching English to students for whom it is not their first language and we very much hope this will be a valuable support for those young people attending.

All that remains to be said is that I wish you all a safe and restful summer and we all look forward to seeing you back in the new year.

Yours sincerely



Jo Meloni
Headteacher