

22 May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

### New School Day from September 2024

I am writing to inform you that we will be making some changes to the structure of the school day that will come into effect in September 2024 and I hope this letter gives you plenty of notice of these changes.

The change to the day will ensure that the school meets the Department for Education non-statutory guidance for a minimum of 32.5 hours per week of schooling. However, the structure has also been designed to further increase engagement in learning and provide opportunities for personal development. If students use the school bus service from High Green and Chapeltown then new timings will be published shortly to accommodate the new school day.

#### Stocksbridge High School Day, September 2024

8.40am to 9.20am	Personal Development in form groups
9.20am to 10.20am	Period 1
10.20am to 11.20am	Period 2
11.20am to 11.40am	Break for all students
11.40am to 12.40pm	Period 3
12.40pm to 2.10pm	Period 4 and split lunch*
2.10pm to 3.10pm	Period 5

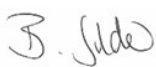
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3.10pm to 4.00pm                      Period 6 – this is an addition to the school day for invited Y11 students.

\*Period 4 and split lunch – This session is a total of 1.5 hours. In this time, three year groups will have lunch for the first half hour and then return to period 4 for the remaining hour. The other two year groups will have their lesson for the first hour and lunch for the last half hour of this period.

Splitting lunch in this way ensures all students have the opportunity for a break and eat their lunch in good time. It does mean, however, that two year groups will be having lunch at 1.40pm, but there is a later and extended break in the morning to compensate for this. This model for the school day is not unique to Stocksbridge High School and is used, successfully, at other schools in our trust and beyond.

The current two-week timetable will continue so lessons will be different on week 1 and week 2 of this cycle. The dates for each week in the cycle will continue to be made clear in student planners and signage around the school.

Yours faithfully



Mr B Gilder  
Headteacher, September 2024