

23rd April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you of an important change to the structure of the school day at Philips High School, effective from September 2025. After careful consideration and consultation, we have decided to adjust the timings of the school day to better support our students' learning, wellbeing, and overall school experience.

What's changing?

Starting from Wednesday 3rd September 2025, the school day will now begin at 8.45am and finish at 14.50pm for Years 7 & 8 and 14.55pm for Years 9-11. This change has been designed to allow for a more focused and efficient schedule, ensuring that our students benefit from well-balanced lesson times and sufficient breaks throughout the day. The updated timings will also enhance the structure of the school day, creating a more consistent routine for both students and staff.

Break time and lunch times will also change, so that pupils have more time to access the canteen and use the toilets. I have made this change as a result of the pupil voice that was conducted recently. This change will be managed by having different year groups having their break/lunch time at different times, meaning that fewer pupils will be using the canteen and toilets at the same time. I have detailed the new timings at the bottom of this letter.

Why are we making this change?

This adjustment comes as part of our ongoing efforts to improve the quality of education and the experience we offer at Philips High School. By aligning our day with best practices from other schools within the Oak Learning Partnership, we can achieve several key benefits:

- **Improved Learning Outcomes:** A more efficient timetable will allow for longer, uninterrupted lessons, enabling students to engage more deeply with their subjects. This shift is designed to enhance focus and ensure better retention of information.
- **Better Wellbeing:** With more thoughtfully timed breaks and a less rushed schedule, students will have the opportunity to recharge and maintain focus throughout the day. This adjustment is aimed at reducing stress and supporting their mental and physical health.
- **Stronger Collaboration within the Trust:** As part of the Oak Learning Partnership, this change also allows for closer alignment with other schools in our network, fostering stronger

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partnerships and better sharing of resources and expertise. It will help ensure a more consistent experience for students across the Trust, benefiting from collective improvements and shared best practices.

What does this mean for your child?

The new timings will not only provide a more balanced school day but also offer new opportunities for learning and development. We understand that changes to routines can take some time to adjust to, but we are confident that this shift will have a positive impact on your child's overall school experience.

We are excited about these improvements and the positive changes they bring for both our students and the wider school community. As always, we are committed to providing the best possible education and support for your child.

Should you have any questions or concerns about these changes, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. We look forward to working together to make this transition as smooth as possible. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



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See over for details of the school day...

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Time	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
8.45-8.50	Morning Greeting, Equipment & Uniform check on the school Yard				
8.50-9.10	Form time / Assembly	Form time / Assembly	Form time / Assembly	Form time / Assembly	Form time / Assembly
9.10-10.10	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
10.10-10.25	Break	Break	Break	Period 2	Period 2
10.25-11.10	Period 2	Period 2	Period 2		
11.10-11.25				Break	Break
11.25-12.25	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
12.25-12.55	Period 4	Lunch	Lunch	Period 4	Period 4
12.55-13.25	Lunch	Period 4	Period 4		
13.25-13.55	Period 4			Lunch	Lunch
13.55-14.50	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5
14.50-14.55					

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