

Timetable Promotion, new timetables, new school day, events next year.

Dear parents/carers

I am very pleased to be able to contact you and explain the process as we approach the start of the new academic year on June 14th.

We were unable to run our normal "Timetable Promotion" last year, due to lockdown. It is one of the features that makes West Bridgford a little different – providing a boost to the final half term's learning in the summer term.

Years 11 and 13 will have finished their on-site lessons, and every other year group moves up a year to begin their new courses.

In the week after half term students will receive a paper copy of their new timetable, and also be able to access it on Brightspace. Parents will receive a letter explaining any ability sets that students have been placed in.

School will be closed for students on Friday 11th June, while the staff manage the hand-over of groups, books, rooms etc... then we start afresh on the Monday.

School Day

We have recently completed a student voice exercise with focus groups in each year. They had lots of interesting things to say – which we will share in WB Post – but specifically, the strong feedback was that we should keep the one-way system, staggered start and end of the school day, less students on each break/lunchtime and dividing the canteen up for year groups. Although these were all introduced for COVID control measures, they have also created a calmer and safer environment which students appreciate. It's easier to move around – and they get served quickly at lunchtime.

So that's what we will do – but with a few minor changes to reduce the impact on learning time.

Here are the important times for each year group from June 14th

Year	Start	Where?	Assembly days	Break	Lunch	Finish
8	8:30	In front of Music	Arrive at 8:30 for 8:35 start	11:00-11:15	13:00-13:30	14:40
9	8:35	Tutor Rooms		10:30-10:45	12:15-12:45	14:45
10	8:35	Tutor Rooms		10:00-10:15	12:45-13:15	14:45
11	8:40	Tutor Rooms		11:00-11:15	13:15-13:45	14:50
13	First lesson			11:00-11:15	12:15-12:45	14:45

School Events

Thankyou to parents who responded to the request for feedback on the online parent consultations.

You agree that it is more convenient, more accessible, generally works smoothly (with a few glitches), but many of you really miss the face to face contact and the rare opportunity to set foot in school. 70% of respondents were **in favour** of keeping it online.

It is important to remind parents that we **are** here for the rest of the year between consultations – if you have any issues please get in touch and arrange a call or a meeting. You don't need to rely on that annual 5 minutes.

We are already very happy with the online information presentations which have worked really well this year – allowing us to cover topics such as transition to Y7 and Post 16, Emotional Health, University applications and supporting Year 11 – with parents getting a much better chance to pose questions, without having to sit in the hall for an hour.

So next year

- **Online** video parents' consultations
- **Online** information evening presentations
- Open Days – main school and Post 16 – back **onsite**
- Hopefully – lots of music, dance and drama events to bring you into school!

As I send this, we are watching the weather forecast and hoping the rain wont dampen the Y11 and 13 leavers days this week. For me personally, it is the 39th time I have said goodbye to students I have taught or worked with. It is special every time, but I am also looking forward to meeting the next cohort of Year 7s as they visit us in June, they will be excited about coming up in September to Learn, Think and Thrive ... Together with us!

Best wishes and a good Bank holiday break

Tim Peacock