

Dear Parent / Carer

13/05/22

TEMPORARY CHANGES TO THE TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY

The external summer exam series commences on Monday 16th May 2022. There are two exam sessions each day each starting at 9am and 1.30pm. Duration of exams can be up to 3 hours, longer if students have extra time. The current school day will be adjusted to minimise disruption to external exams as the current timings would mean lunch break is taking place as afternoon external exams start. **Essentially period 4 and lunch will swap round:**

- P1, P2, morning break and P3 remain unaffected.
- Lunch break will be moved, taking place from 12.15pm to 12.50pm
- P4 will take place directly after lunch at 12.50pm followed by P5 and tutor time.

The changes to the school day will affect the whole school, not just those year groups being examined, and will be effective from Monday 16th May until Wednesday 29th June 2022.

EQUALITIES

As you are aware, we have equalities themes running throughout the academic year. This week is Mental Health Awareness Week with the theme of loneliness and we will be exploring this and other mental health issues through our Sphere lessons and during Tutor Time. It is always important for young people and adults to talk about issues that affect our mental health. There are some useful resources on <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week> and <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/> that you may wish to have a look at. Over the course of the summer term we will also be exploring LGBTQ+ history and celebrating Pride Month. If you would like to find out more about what the school is doing to advance these issues please take a look at our Equalities page on the school website [Stratford upon Avon School - Equalities](#)

We believe equality issues are core to our values as a comprehensive school and our commitment to learn about, understand and respect difference. A simple way of looking at this is about being kind to ourselves and to others, thinking about the language we use and the actions we take when interacting with the world around us. We expect everyone in our school community to be kind, tolerant and respectful of others and most importantly challenge those who are not. We hope you will join us in promoting this ethos.

As ever, thank you for your ongoing support and understanding. Please follow us on twitter [@StraUponAvonSch](#) for brief, regular updates, including details of our extracurricular activities.

Yours faithfully



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