



Thursday 26th March 2015

Re: School Day from September 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware of consultation that has taken place with various groups about changing our school day with effect from September 2015. We have spoken with the Parent Forum, Staff Body, Governing Body and Student Council. The vast majority of views received are in support of this change. We now intend to liaise with the bus companies in securing changes to the bus contracts.

The rationale and plan for the change is set out below:

- 1) To secure a prompt start to the learning in Period 1
- 2) Reducing “wasted” time at lunch where litter and low level disruption can occur
- 3) Bringing us in line with other local secondary schools that finish earlier than we do
- 4) Enabling greater opportunities for productive staff training after school and improving the work-life balance of our staff
- 5) Enabling a greater control on lateness to school with a central administration and sanction system for lateness

It is proposed to change our core finish time to 3.05pm. Please note, there is **NO CHANGE TO THE START OF THE DAY, nor to the learning time**. The structure of the day will be the same for four out of five days, with one day having a slightly remodelled format to include a regular CASE/Careers Education Information and Guidance (CEIAG) session for students – this will remove the fortnightly interruption to timetables caused by the current arrangements for CASE lessons.

<p>4 days per week:</p> <p>0835 Students arrive on site</p> <p>0840 Warning bell</p> <p>0845 Start of Lesson 1 and registration done</p> <p>0945 Lesson 2</p> <p>1045 Break</p> <p>1103 Warning bell</p> <p>1105 Lesson 3</p> <p>1205 Lesson 4</p> <p>1305 Lunch</p> <p>1340 Tutor period</p> <p>1405 Lesson 5</p> <p>1505 End day</p> <p>1515 Buses depart</p>	<p>1 day per week-day to be confirmed:</p> <p>0835 Students arrive on site</p> <p>0840 Warning bell</p> <p>0845 Start of Lesson 1 and registration done</p> <p>0940 Lesson 2</p> <p>1035 Break</p> <p>1052 Warning bell</p> <p>1055 Lesson 3</p> <p>1150 Lesson 4</p> <p>1245 Lunch</p> <p>1320 Tutor period</p> <p>1330 CASE/CEIAG</p> <p>1410 Lesson 5</p> <p>1505 End day</p> <p>1515 Buses depart</p>
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In line with national guidelines we are required to give one term's notice to parents of a change to the school day. We have therefore sought to provide this notice by the end of March to provide you with five months' notice.

We strongly believe this will be an improvement to school life for all stakeholders involved and will lead to a more efficient and effective use of our time in school. We remain committed to our lunchtime extra-curricular programmes, including PE and music; given the shorter lunch we have plans in place which will enable these events to continue during the lunch break.

Where Parents/Carers have questions regarding the school day changes, we are asking you to email a central email address (schoolday@campion.northants.sch.uk) where these can be taken on board and a response provided if appropriate.

We hope you will agree with us that this change is a positive one and further details will be sent in the summer term once details with the bus companies have been finalised.

Yours sincerely



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