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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been filled with significant events, including our Year 10 and 12 mock exams, the Year 11 Prom and our Sixth Form Induction. It has been particularly encouraging to see students approach their mock exams with such maturity, especially those in Year 10, who were experiencing our formal exam procedures for the first time.

Year 11 did not disappoint at Prom, with students looking fantastic and celebrating the end of an important chapter in style. We were also delighted to welcome a record number of students to our Sixth Form Induction, reflecting the growing interest in the opportunities available within our Sixth Form.

Overall, it has been a highly successful and rewarding week for our school community.

I have two important updates to share with you today, the first is in regard to our school timings.

As you know, earlier this year we ran a consultation exercise on the length and structure of the school day, driven by the school not meeting the DfE guidance of 32.5 hours per week. We have explored a number of different models and ideas and as a result the school day timings will change to the following from September 1st:

Tutor/Assembly	08:30- 08:55
Transition 1	08:55- 09:00
P1	09:00- 10:00
Transition 2	10:00- 10:05
P2	10:05- 11:05
Break	11:05- 11.25
P3	11.25- 12:25
Lunch	12:25- 12.55
P4	12:55- 13:55
Transition 2	13:55- 14:00
P5	14:00- 15:00*
Enrichment/Clubs	15:00

*KS3 will be dismissed at 14:55 to ease congestion.

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The new structure allows us to build in additional time for our tutor sessions in the morning to provide a more structured and consistent programme of delivery.

I also need to make you aware that next week we will be running the first in a series of lockdown drills.

All schools and large organisations are required to have procedures in place to react to an emergency situation. Staff have been trained in our lockdown procedures, and I have delivered an assembly to all students. I appreciate that for some students, this process may cause some anxiety or worry due to its nature and staff have been mindful of this when speaking with students.

The drill will take place on Wednesday morning and will be followed by more in September. I have included a link to the assembly that was delivered to students, should you wish to see the detail and reiterate any key messages at home.

[St Crispin's Lockdown Procedures Explained.mp4](#)

Finally, the forecast for next week looks like another hot one. Could I please ask that you remind students to bring water bottles with them every day. We have plenty of water stations across the school for them to refill at break and lunch, rather than them interrupting their lessons to get cups of water.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I hope you have a restful weekend.



Mr Peter Griffiths
Headteacher