



CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

KDS/JSS

30 April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I am excited to inform you that following a change in government guidance that a school week should be 32.5 hours, we will be changing the structure of our school day from September 2024. The start of the school day will continue to be **8.30am** with a new finishing time of **3.00pm**. Extending our school day enables us to extend breaktime and to provide lesson changeover time between lessons, thus reducing the amount of lost learning due to students moving between lessons.

We will continue to offer our breakfast club between 8.00am and 8.30am and the introduction of a longer morning break will give the students an opportunity to purchase a healthy snack.

The change to the school day has also allowed us to develop a new school structure which we believe better suits the needs of our students. We have also made the decision to reduce the lengths of our lessons from 75 minutes to 60 minutes. This change has allowed us to broaden our curriculum to be more diverse and increase the number of non core lessons in both KS3 and KS4. As a result of these changes students will now study PSHE as a taught lesson in KS3 and will have increased lesson time in the EBacc and PCA subjects. Furthermore in KS4 all students will now have an additional lesson in each of their chosen option subjects.

We believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community and will have a positive impact on your child's education.

New School Day (September 2024)

0830	0855	Registration/Assemblies
0855	0955	Period 1
0955	1000	Lesson changeover
1000	1100	Period 2
1100	1120	Morning break
1120	1220	Period 3
1220	1255	Lunch
1255	1355	Period 4
1355	1400	Lesson changeover
1400	1500	Period 5
1500	1600	Extra curricular activities and Year 11 Intervention

If you have any questions regarding changes to the school day please contact Steve.Topazio@Crestwood.hants.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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