

BLESSED WILLIAM HOWARD CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

As a result of the consultation with all stakeholders the decision has been made to change the timings of the school day. The changes will take effect from Wednesday 9 September 2009.

The timings will be as follows:

	Key Stage 3 and 4
Morning:	8.40 a.m. to 1.20 p.m.
Lunchtime:	1.20 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.
Afternoon:	2.15 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

Concerns raised by parents in the consultation were that the buses from outlying areas would have to set off earlier and that lunch time would be even later.

The buses will continue to operate at their current times. Most buses arrive with plenty of time to spare. We will ensure that points of service for food at break time are adequate for all students who wish to buy a snack can do so.

An opinion was expressed that the reasons as to why the changes were being made was not made clear. The reasons are as follows:

- Ensure time for formal lessons is 25 hours a week in line with minimum requirements.
- Make form time longer to facilitate progress conversations between students and form tutors.

As the start time will be 5 minutes earlier, I would ask that parents/ carers impress upon their child the need for punctuality. We have a minority of students who are late arriving for school. I want to see all students being on time for school unless there is good reason.

Many thanks for your support in this matter

Yours sincerely

Phil Smith
Headteacher



*"Your education is your life; guard it well."
(Proverbs 4:13)*