



23 May 2024

Dear Parent

We would like to inform you of a number of important whole school improvements that are being introduced after May half term.

These have been given careful consideration and are designed to improve the existing student support systems and complement Redhill's existing ethos. We firmly believe that outstanding academic progress is underpinned by outstanding safeguarding, pastoral support, guidance and care and are therefore pleased to inform you that with effect from May Half term, we are increasing the capacity of pastoral support through the introduction of a sixth House which will be called Larwood. Working alongside the six Heads of House and House Support Assistants we have also recently appointed Assistant Heads of House as an additional source of pastoral support, guidance and care throughout the school day. Students going into Larwood House will be informed of these changes this week.

Changes to the timings of the school day – Summer Term 2 trial

During the final half term of the 2023/24 academic year, we will be trialling new timings of the school day. The start and end of the day will remain unchanged.

	New timings during trial
8.40	All students on site
8.45	Period 1
9.45	Period 2
10.45	Break
11.05	Period 3
12.05	Lunch - Africanus, Green & Knight Tutor time - Smith, Lawrence, Larwood & Y12
12.35	Lunch - Smith, Lawrence, Larwood & Y12 Tutor time - Africanus, Green & Knight
1.05	Period 4
2.05	Period 5
3.05	End of day

The aim of this trial is to improve the experience for students at lunch time. Currently, we have around 1600 students using the dining facilities and social spaces around school at the same time. This creates the following challenges:

- Longer queuing times for students;
- Limited seating capacity for students to be able to enjoy their lunch sat down;
- Social areas can get busy and overcrowded at times, particularly in wet weather;
- Congestion in corridors at the start and end of lunch.



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We hope that by reducing the number of students on lunch at the same time we will significantly improve the lunch time experience for students in the school, allowing them to purchase food quickly and have the option to sit down to eat their lunch in a quieter, less crowded environment.

The trial will start on **Monday 24 June 2024** and will run until the end of the academic year. A decision on whether or not the new timings will be in place in September will be communicated to all students and parents before the summer break.

Yours faithfully

The Redhill Academy