

Dear Parent/Carer.

I am writing to you to inform you about some changes that are being made to the timings of the school day at the South Leeds Academy.

Over the last year we have carried out an in depth analysis into the learning patterns of our students and have noticed that the morning lessons before the split lunches are far more conducive to better learning. With this in mind, we are introducing a two stage approach to changing the Academy day so to ensure that we get the best learning opportunities for all our students.

The first stage is as follows - from the 22<sup>nd</sup> June the day will look like this:

*Form Period (AM Registration): 8.30am – 8.40am*

*P1: 8.40am – 9.40am*

*P2: 9.40am – 10.40am*

*P3: 10.40am – 11.40am*

*1<sup>st</sup> Break: 11.40am – 12.00pm*

*P4 (PM Registration): 12.00pm – 1.00pm*

*P5: 1.00pm – 2.00pm*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Break: 2.00pm – 2.30pm (Canteen Extension Time: 2.30pm – 2.45pm)*

*Enrichment & Extended Learning: 2.30pm – 3.15pm*

The main changes are the lengthening of break one to allow students to have a more substantial meal, and moving break two to the end of the day. This allows the Academy to open extra service areas, as well as giving students time to eat their food without rushing back to the classroom.

The second stage of the changes start in September 2015. This involves the school day starting at 8.15am with a 25 minute form period. The rest of the day will stay exactly the same.

These changes allow for additional activities at lunch including;

- A separate area for all Year 7 students, giving them a safe place to play at break and lunch
- A common room for Years 10 & 11 at lunch
- A film club every lunch for 220 students in Years 7 – 9
- Use of all sporting facilities at lunch for different year groups
- Music, IT, Drama and Art clubs for all year groups

Please be aware the end of the Academy day remains 2.30pm, students are not permitted to leave before then.

If you would like further details on this matter please feel free to email in at [info@tsla.org.uk](mailto:info@tsla.org.uk), with the subject 'timing changes'

In addition to this I would like to hold an open question & answer session regarding these changes for parents and carers on the 9<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45pm at the South Leeds Academy, if you would like to attend, please complete the slip below and return it to myself or main reception. This enables me to ensure the room and refreshments are fit for purpose.

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I will be attending the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45pm at the South Leeds Academy to discuss the changes to the Academy day.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Yours sincerely,



Mr D Bisley  
Senior Vice Principal