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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to let you know about some changes which we plan to implement after half term. Firstly, may I take this opportunity to remind you that our last day of school this half term is **Tuesday 20th October**.

Timings of the day

From Monday 2nd November, there will be a small change to the timings of the end of the school day, as follows:

	Current finish time	New finish time
Monday	2.35pm	2.15pm
Tuesday to Friday	3.25pm	3.15pm

This change is due to a new approach we will be trialling whereby we stagger breaks for different year groups. Years 8,10 and 12 (evens) will take their breaks at the same time as at present, whereas Years 7, 9, 11 and 13 (odds) will have a slightly later schedule of breaks. The staggering of breaks means we do not need the longer morning break to allow all students access to the canteen, thereby meaning a slightly earlier finish to the school day.

This change will help us keep year groups separate during break times during the winter months when the fields are no longer available as social space, and will mean that all students have an undercover/indoor space when it is raining. This separation is necessary as part of our coronavirus control measures.

Please be assured that this change does not affect the length or number of lessons in any way.

School bus times will be adjusted to fit in with the new finish times. Unfortunately we do not have control over the public bus timings so there will be a short wait for students travelling on public transport.



Late bus

We are also pleased to let you know that we will be commissioning two late buses on a Monday at 3.45pm. Travel on these buses will be free of charge for students attending after school activities.

Further details about the routes and drop-off points for the late buses will follow.

With this additional transport in place, we plan to reintroduce some clubs and extra-curricular activities. We will also be using the Monday afternoons over the coming months to offer catch up support for students in the run up to next summer's exams. We will write again in due course to provide further details of these opportunities.

Parents Evenings

Lastly, I am pleased to let you know that we are planning to resume parents' evenings from next half term, starting with Year 13 and Year 11. However, due to coronavirus restrictions, we will be moving online for these appointments. We will write to parents from the relevant year groups shortly to provide full details of how this will work.

Thank you for your patience while we adjust our ways of working.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Evans', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Evans
Headteacher