

15 March 2019

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: School timings academic year 2019-20 - parent consultation

We are proposing a change to the times of the school day at The Cumberland School to commence from September 2019. The proposed school day would run as follows:

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
8.35am-9.25am	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1
9.25am-10.15am	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2
10.15am-10.35am	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10.35am-11.25am	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3
11.25am-12.15pm	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4	Lesson 4
12.15pm-1.00pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	End of teaching day for students 12.15pm.
1.00pm-1.50pm	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	
1.50pm-2.40pm	Lesson 6	Lesson 6	Lesson 6	Lesson 6	
2.40pm-3.30pm	Lesson 7	Lesson 7	PSHE time/ Assembly Yr 11 PE	PSHE time/ Assembly Yr 11 PE	Supervised prep sessions for students (optional) End at 2.40pm.

The benefits of this model are many. Firstly it provides a consistent finish time for students, Monday through to Thursday, currently we have a different finish time on Tuesday which can cause confusion and difficulties for parents. Secondly this change will help us to train, retain and recruit the very best staff. We aim to use the Friday afternoon sessions for staff training and development. Ensuring teachers have the time to plan effectively, feedback on students work, moderate assessments, collaborate as a department, as well as keep abreast of the latest educational and teaching developments, requires time. This new model will ensure our staff are able to deliver the most effective teaching and learning possible. Our students lose no learning time and will be encouraged to develop their independent study skills.

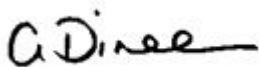
Despite the early finish on Fridays, we propose to keep the school open until 2.40 pm for private study and independent research for any students who wish to stay on site. A hot meal will also be available on Friday lunchtime.

We will continue to allow our students to use our school sporting and learning facilities on the school site from 7.30am until 5.30pm Monday to Thursday, and from 7.30am until 4pm on a Friday. We will continue to provide a free hot breakfast for all students and staff everyday as part of this new model.

If you have any comments about the new arrangements, please email the school at contact@cumberland.org.uk by Thursday 4 April 2019.


Thank you for your continued support of TCS as we look for ways to make our school the best place in Newham both to study and to work.

Yours sincerely,



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