

13th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you of a number of changes which will take place in the summer term.

The changes will take effect from Monday 3rd June 2024.

There are a number of Achievement Team Leader and Year Care Team changes as detailed below in the table starting in the summer to the start of the new academic year. Where there are staffing changes that will affect your son or daughter's year group, please be assured that detailed and effective provision will be put in place to ensure a full handover of information about our students' needs and the support they have in place in order to be successful. Any Achievement Team Leader or Year Care Team changes will allow for a smoother transition into the expectations for September and into the new academic year.

Summer Term 2024

Year group	Achievement Team Leader	Year Care Team
Year 6 transition	James Brown	Debbie Davies
Year 7	Wes Bartlett	Lisa O'Neil
Year 8	Rory Collins	Nicole Goddard
Year 9	Chantelle Savery	Karen Roberts
Year 10	Ben Young	Karen Elsmere
Year 12	Vicky Humphrey	Rebecca Henry

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Year 7	James Brown	Debbie Davies
Year 8	Wes Bartlett	Lisa O'Neil
Year 9	Rory Collins	Nicole Goddard
Year 10	Chantelle Savery	Karen Roberts
Year 11	Ben Young	Karen Elsmere
Year 12 / 13	Vicky Humphrey	Rebecca Henry

Changes to timings in the school day 2024 - 25

The school day will be slightly adjusting to the times as set out below. This will ensure a more effective start to the day where learning can take place immediately. Extending period 6 by five minutes, we are aiming to

provide increased learning time for tutors to use for class reading activities, weekly student bulletins and assemblies with additional depth.

Period 1 will also be used to calculate the morning registration mark.

The start and end of the school day will remain exactly the same.

As a reminder, we offer a 'free' breakfast of porridge or a bagel every morning from 8am. A small range of other choices will be available that can be purchased in the usual manner. The gates will be open from 8am and staff are supervising pupils in the canteen.

	School day	Current School day
Breakfast	8.00am	8.00am
Arrival	8.35am	8.35am
Registration	No Registration	8.40am - 8.45am
Period 1	8.40am - 9.40am	8.45am - 9.45am
Period 2	9.40am - 10.40am	9.45am - 10.45am
Break	10.40am - 11.00am	10.45am - 11.05am
Period 3	11.00am - 12.00pm	11.05am - 12.05pm
Period 4	12.00pm - 1.00pm	12.05pm - 1.05pm
Lunch	1.00pm - 1.30pm	1.05pm - 1.35pm
Period 5	1.30pm - 2.30pm	1.35pm - 2.35pm
Period 6 Tutor period	2.30pm - 3.00pm	2.35pm - 3.00pm

Over the Spring term, the school has been reviewing its Key Stage 3 Quality of Education provision. Feedback received from staff, pupils and parents has been invaluable. It has enabled the school to be clearly focused on a number of key areas. Furthermore, I have asked the school's Lead Practitioners to develop the use of knowledge organisers, review our marking policy as well as how we report progress to parents. The aim is to evolve, provide more support to pupils with homework tasks as well as provide more clarity to parents when communicating pupil progress across the curriculum. In effect, a more clearly understood method of assessing pupil progress with a more robust homework and retrieval practice offer and provision.

For parents in Year 10, you may have been aware that the school is also piloting regular deliberate practice lessons across a one week cycle of lessons. Independent learning and application of knowledge is key to future successful exam performance. Based on the findings over the summer term, the pilot will be incorporated into all subject plans across Year 7 - 13 from Autumn term 2025. The latest copy of 'in the month of' highlights the role of deliberate practice in the cycle of learning and application.

Lastly, thank you to all parents and carers who attended the Parent Forum on Thursday 9th May. It was great to hear your feedback on the changes to the school day as well as your insights and views regarding

proposals to our school mobile phone policy. Mr Knight, Deputy Head, will communicate key changes to the school's mobile phone policy.

The last half term of the academic year will be used to pilot all changes, receive feedback from staff, pupils and parents to ensure the school is taking all views into account.

Welling School is on a journey of improvement and we are absolutely determined to build upon improving standards of achievement and behaviour.

If there is anything you would like to meet me about, please feel free to book a meeting by calling or emailing the school.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Griffen', with a long horizontal line underneath it.

Brian Griffen
Headteacher