



Trinity High School

& SIXTH FORM CENTRE

Part of Bordesley Multi Academy Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, may I thank you for your ongoing support this half term. Highly effective partnerships between parents/carers and the school are crucial if we are going to secure excellent educational outcomes for the students that we serve, and I am delighted with both the feedback and the support you give to us on a daily basis.

I felt it important to write to you formally, outside the usual weekly communication channel of the parent bulletin to keep you up to date with some very important information.

If you require any clarification or would like to discuss any of the matters further, then please don't hesitate to contact us at office@trinityhigh.net and we will endeavour to respond swiftly to any questions or issues you have.

Attendance

I wanted to start by thanking you for all your support with our quest to ensure that school attendance improves at Trinity. You will be aware, as I have discussed it plenty of times since becoming the Headteacher, Trinity strives to create an exceptional educational environment in which students thrive and can achieve their full potential. This aligns to our mission of EXCELLENCE FOR ALL and our HEART values. Outstanding attendance and punctuality are vital factors in students being successful in school and improving their chances of a successful future. Irregular attendance simply leads to educational disadvantage which is why is it a huge priority for us.

We will continue to pursue high levels of attendance for all our students and ask that you work with us to achieve this. We do understand that for some students there are extenuating circumstances for irregular attendance, such as significant medical issues and we individualise our procedures' accordingly. Our attendance team are highly skilled and have a huge toolkit of interventions, support packages and incentives to ensure student attendance is high and we will continue to work with parents/carers throughout the year. Please continue to support us and send your child to school every day unless they are very unwell. There is guidance at the back of the attendance policy to support you in deciding whether you should send your child to school or not.

This can be found on Page 18 of our Attendance Policy which is located on our website:

<https://www.trinity.worcs.sch.uk/about-us/our-policies/>

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We are very much looking forward to celebrating both outstanding attendance and significantly improved attendance once again at the end of term, through our attendance awards. Every student in school can win big prizes as there is still half a term to go before this terms attendance prize draw is made.

Parent Consultation - Proposal to change the times of the School Day from September 2023

Rationale

Last year, the Department for Education's White Paper entitled 'Opportunity for All' was published. The White Paper aims to build on current strengths in the education sector, extending good practice whilst also reforming key areas and tackling core issues.

Amongst other reforms, The White Paper has set out a requirement that all state-funded mainstream schools ensure that they are open for at least **32.5 hours of compulsory education per week, by September 2023.**

This is intended as a minimum expectation, with the DfE stating "Considering the wider benefits of increased time for pupils, including more opportunities for learning, socialisation with peers and enrichment, we will also encourage all mainstream state-funded schools to explore going further than 32.5 hours if possible."

Trinity High School and Sixth Form Centre – Current Provision

Currently Trinity High School and Sixth Form offers **31.75 hours of compulsory education per week.** To ensure that we are compliant with the new requirement, we must consult on extending our school day by a total of 50 minutes per week, which equates to 10 minutes per day. Trinity does offer a significant Broadening Horizons curriculum and currently, approximately half of our students take part in a significant extra-curricular activity. We are working hard to improve this participation rate by listening carefully to what our students would like to take part in.

Trinity High School and Sixth Form Centre - Proposal

The Senior Leadership Team and Local Governing Body have worked with me to consider the best use of the additional 50 minutes per week. There have been several suggestions regarding how the time should be used. However, the consensus of stakeholders consulted so far appears to be that the most purposeful use of the additional time would be to **add 10 minutes per day to form tutor time.**

The time would be used to provide much needed time to what is arguably the most rushed element of our daily offer, and allow our Character Education Framework, Literacy curriculum and other crucial aspects of our tutor period programme to be delivered with a high degree of effectiveness.

It was felt that adding the 10 minutes per day to any other element of the day would not be as beneficial as the proposal above.

Proposed New School Day Timings

Period	Start	Finish
Assemblies and Form Tutor Time	8.45	9.15
Period 1	9.15	10.15
Period 2	10.15	11.15
Break	11.15	11.30 (5 mins movement time)
Period 3	11.35	12.35
Period 4	12.35	1.35
Lunch	1.35	2.10 (5 mins movement time)
Period 5	2.15	3.15

The start of the school day would remain unchanged, but the end of the school day would finish ten minutes later at 3.15pm.

Responses to the Consultation

As always, I am very keen to consult with parents/carers on any significant change to our operations, and as such the consultation period for this proposal will be from Monday 13th February until Friday 24th March.

I would invite any parents/carers who wish to, to either meet with me or feedback their views via another platform such as email (office@trinityhigh.net). This feedback may be to support the proposal, to suggest alternative ideas or discuss areas of concern.

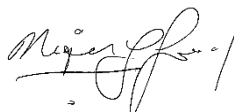
All feedback will, as always, be deeply considered.

NEU – Second day of Strike Action – Wednesday 1st March 2023

As you are aware, the National Education Union (NEU) voted to take industrial action over the Spring Term. This is a large teaching union with many members, and to ensure that the industrial action has the maximum impact, the union have confirmed four dates that will potentially affect the normal operational running of our school. The second of these dates is Wednesday 1st March. I am currently in the process of planning for the day and attempting to ascertain how the strike action may affect the normal operational running of the school.

I will make contact with you as soon as I have a firm idea of the plans for the day, and I thank you for your support and patience whilst I consider our position.

Yours sincerely,



Nigel Ford
Headteacher

