

28 January 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers

**Re: Changes to School Day**

As I am sure you are aware there have been many changes across the secondary education sector over recent years. This presents us with challenges that I am confident we will rise to. Standards at TBOWA and examination results will continue to be very good for our students. Further challenges are presented in school funding which has led us to reflect on how we maintain high standards without any compromise on education provisions.

The traditional curriculum, which we are proud of, will continue to be delivered. There will be a greater emphasis on the EBAC subjects, English, Maths, Science, Computer Science, History, Geography and a Modern Foreign Language. All students will have the opportunity to take a GCSE in Religious Education. There will be a full range of options that will include:-

History, Geography, Psychology, Sociology, Media, PE, Drama, Music, Art, Technology, Business Studies, Health & Social Care. Options will vary each year depending on student demands.

The most significant change for September 2016, will be moving Enrichment lessons from Wednesday afternoon to a full range of optional Enrichment lessons after the end of the normal school day. As a consequence, the end times of the school day will change.

**The normal school day will end at 3.00pm Monday – Thursday and will remain at 2.00pm on Fridays.**

There will of course be lots of opportunities for students to remain beyond the school day, from extra curriculum activities, homework club, revision classes and additional lessons. Details will follow at the start of the autumn term.

The changes have been made to ensure that high academic standards are maintained and that your child will leave TBOWA very well qualified for the next stage of their education.

If you have any concerns, please contact me via Mrs Claire Illidge, PA, on [Claire.illidge@TBOWA.org](mailto:Claire.illidge@TBOWA.org) or telephone on 01202 512697.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes



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