

Belong. Believe. Be Proud.

The King Alfred School *An Academy*
Burnham Road,
Highbridge,
Somerset,
TA9 3EE
T: 01278 784881
F: 01278 782344
E: info@tkasa.org.uk
W: www.tkasa.org.uk
Principal: Mr Nathan Jenkins



Ref:SAH/NJ

November 2019

Change of lesson times from January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Following our extremely successful launch of the morning reading sessions with all tutor groups in Years 7-10, we have decided to make some further positive changes to the school day.

As you will be aware, students currently spend 3 tutor sessions a week reading an age appropriate challenging novel with their tutors. This is designed to achieve a number of outcomes including developing their vocabulary and reading fluency. This initiative has proved to be very successful and popular with both students and staff. It has proved so successful that we would like to extend this to 4 mornings a week. We would also wish to build in time for students to talk about the books, spend more time going through their homework, develop their revision skills and also have more time to build the strong relationships that exist with their tutors.

Obviously this will mean that we need to make some small changes to the school day in order to allow this to happen. This will involve the introduction of a second tutor time in the afternoon, which will follow straight after lunch. Students will go from lunch directly to their tutor room for a 15 minute tutor time session, where a range of timetabled activities will be facilitated.

The time for this session will come from the morning, where we currently have 5 minutes of travel time between lessons that is no longer necessary. The final 5 minutes will come from morning break which will be reduced slightly from the current 25 minutes to 20 minutes. As a result lunch will be 15 minutes earlier and will start at 1:20pm rather than 1:35pm. The timings of the new school day will start upon our return to school in January. Timings can be found overleaf.

I would like to make it clear that no teaching time is being lost and that the school day in terms of start and finish times remains unchanged.

The changes will apply to all year groups, however it will be structured slightly differently for Year 11 who will use the additional time for targeted revision and intervention sessions in preparation for their exams.

I hope that this letter makes the changes and the reasons for them clear, but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's Head of Year or indeed with myself.

Yours faithfully

Nathan Jenkins
Principal

Current School Day

Tutor Time	8.45 -9.00
Period 1	9.00 - 10.00
Travel Time	10:00 - 10:05
period 2	10:05 - 11:05
Break	11:05 - 11:30
Period 3	11:30 - 12:30
Travel Time	12:30 - 12:35
Period 4	12:35 -1:35
Lunch	1:35 - 2:10
period 5	2:10 - 3:10

New School Day From 6th Jan 2020

Reading Period	8.45 -9.00
Period 1	9.00 - 10.00
Period 2	10.00 - 11.00
Break	11.00 - 11.20
Period 3	11.20 - 12.20
Period 4	12.20 - 1.20
Lunch	1.20 - 1.55
Tutor Period	1.55 - 2.10
Period 5	2.10 - 3.10