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Dear Parents/Guardians

I thought that I would write to let you know that we will be changing the structure of the BWS school day from September 2020. Though the start and finish times of the school day will remain the same (at 0840 and 1550 respectively), we will be changing from an 8 period day/40 period week to 10 periods in a day and 50 periods a week in the timetable. Each period will be 30 minutes long in the new structure, with many lessons being delivered in double period 1 hour slots.

There will, inevitably, be some small adjustments in the time allocated to different subjects, but these changes will not significantly alter the weighting or breadth of the curriculum in any key stage. There will also be some minor changes to the timing of morning and afternoon break and the lunch break too. Those of you with boys currently in Year 9 will notice the new structure as part of the GCSE options process for your son, which begins shortly.

We are still finalising some of the planning for the change. When everything is in place we will publish the new timings etc on the school website; this is likely to be later on this term.

Best wishes

S D Smallwood
Head Master