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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you all have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday. I am writing to remind you of a few things for the coming school year, in particular the change of the school day.

New School Timings in September:

Looking ahead to the next academic year, I would like to inform you that there will be a slight adjustment to the length of the school day starting in September. All lessons will now be 45 minutes long and lunch time will be 40 minutes, with end of day being 14:30. An outline of the school day can be seen below:

- 8:30 8:45 Breakfast
- 8:45 9:15 Tutor time
- 9:15 10:00 Lesson 1
- 10:00 10:45 Lesson 2
- 10:45 11:05 Break time
- 11:05 11:30 Reading
- 11:30 12:15 Lesson 3
- 12:15 12:55 Lunch time
- 12:55 13:40 Lesson 4
- 13:40 14:25 Lesson 5
- 14:25 14:30 Taxi Time

Please make a note of these timings and ensure that your child arrives punctually to school. We understand that this change may require adjustments to your daily routine, and we appreciate your cooperation and support in facilitating a smooth transition for your child. The new finish time of the school day will be communicated to all taxi firms by the school office.

First Week Back in September:

- Friday 1st September 2023 Inset Day
- Monday 4th September 2023 Inset Day
- Tuesday 5th September 2023 Tutor Meetings (Timings for this have already been booked and a member of the office team will call to confirm time on either Friday 1st or Monday 4th)
- Wednesday 6th September 2023 Year 7 Induction Day
- Thursday 7th September 2023 Year 7, 10 and 11 In School
- Friday 8th September 2023 All students in school

School Uniform:

There is going to be a push on all students wearing school uniform this academic year. All students should be wearing the following when attending school:

- Hamilton School maroon jumper or hoodie
- White polo shirt or white school shirt

- Black trousers or black jogging bottoms
- Black school shoes or black trainers.

If there are any issues with being able to kit your child out with this uniform, please speak to your child's tutor when you meet on 5th September.

Welcome to Mr Russell:

Mr Russell joins the team as our Forest Schools teacher, delivering an engaging outdoor program that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting. Welcome Mr Russell!

I look forward to welcoming your child back to school. If you have any questions or concerns before school starts, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing <u>hsadmin@maidenerlghtrust.org</u>.

Warmest regards,

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