

Dear Parents / Carers

Following my message yesterday, I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring that students brought water bottles and understood the importance of staying safe in the heat.

Today, we have taken several steps to keep classrooms as cool and comfortable as possible. However, despite these efforts, there was a noticeable increase in temperatures as the day progressed, particularly during the afternoon.

Considering this and following updated weather forecasts which now include two red weather warnings for extreme heat, we have taken the decision to shorten the school day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week, with students finishing at **2:00pm instead of 3:25pm**.

This decision has been made for the following reasons:

- Student and staff safety is our highest priority, particularly during periods of extreme heat.
- Afternoon temperatures are forecast to be significantly higher, increasing the risk of heat-related illness.
- Shortening the day allows us to avoid the hottest part of the afternoon, when classrooms become more difficult to keep cool despite mitigation measures.
- It ensures that students can learn safely in a more comfortable environment during the morning period.

Students should arrive at the normal time, and the day will run to the following adjusted timetable:

- **Lesson 1:** 8:55 – 9:45
- **Lesson 2:** 9:45 – 10:35
- **Break:** 10:35 – 11:00
- **Lesson 3:** 11:00 – 11:50
- **Lesson 4:** 11:50 – 12:40
- **Lunch:** 12:40 – 1:10
- **Lesson 5:** 1:10 – 2:00

School buses and taxis have been informed of these changes.

We appreciate that this may cause some inconvenience, and we are grateful for your understanding as we respond to these exceptional weather conditions in a way that prioritises safety.



Changes to events this week

Awards Evening – Tuesday 23 June

The event will still go ahead. Refreshments will be held outside, and the formal part of the evening will be shortened to 5:45–6:30pm.

Sports Day – Thursday 25 June

This will be rearranged, with a new date to follow.

Year 10 Examinations

There will be adjustments to the timing of afternoon examinations this week. As with previous exams, break times may be altered, and students will be able to purchase food after their examination.

Exam Date	9.00 am		11:35 AM	
Tue, 23 June	English Literature	1h45m	Spanish Listening F	35m
Wed, 24 June	DT	2h	Spanish Listening H	45m
Thu, 25 June	H&C	1h 20m	French Writing F/H	1h10m/15m

Modern Foreign Language Speaking Exams

Students with speaking exams scheduled after 2:00pm will be contacted directly with a revised date and time.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

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