

NNO/JBW 19 June 2023

Dear Blaise Families,

I hope that you are well. I am writing to you regarding two items today, both of which are outlined below.

32.5 hours

As you may or may not be aware, the government has recently announced that schools will be expected to provide education for 32.5 hours per week as a minimum. Our current offer is slightly below this. In order to meet the required hours we will adjust the school day by extending lunch by 5 minutes for all students. This means that lunch will run from 13:25 - 14:05 every day. Period 5 will then run until 15:00 and students will be dismissed, by being walked to the gate by their teachers, between 15:00 and 15:05. All students, Years 7 - 10 who are not in detention or enrichments will be off site by 15:05. This will provide additional breaks for both students and staff and allow more time for enrichment activities at lunch.

Planned Industrial Action

You may have seen in the news that the National Education Union has recently announced two further days of Industrial Action on July 5th and July 7th. We will write to all parents with further details on what we will be able to provide on these days. At this stage we will prioritise in person lessons for Year 10.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about either of the above.

Yours faithfully,

Mr N Nabarro Headteacher

