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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Consultation about minor changes to the School day for September 2016.

As we continue our drive to provide the very best opportunities for our students, we are starting to look at ensuring our school day supports both students and staff better. Though we are not considering any changes to the start and end time of the school day, we are very eager to take your views on some early proposals so that we can use them to inform our final decision.

For your assistance, I include both the current school day and a proposal for the school day for September 2016

| Current | |
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| 8.45 | Reg |
| 8.55 | P1 |
| 9.55 | P2 |
| 10.55 | Skills for Progress/Assembly |
| 11.15 | Break |
| 11.35 | P3 |
| 12.35 | Lunch |
| 13.25 | P4 |
| 14.30 | P5 |
| 15.30 | End of day |

| Proposal for September 2016 | |
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| 8.45 | Reg/Assembly |
| 9.05 | Travel time |
| 9.10 | P1 |
| 10.10 | P2 |
| 11.10 | Break |
| 11.30 | P3 |
| 12.30 | Lunch |
| 13.30 | P4 |
| 14.30 | P5 |
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While these changes appear relatively minor and few in number, I draw your attention to a number of significant advantages they will bring to both students and staff:

- Students and teachers would have more time to review planners, engage in 1-2-1 supportive discussion, prepare for learning, share information and plan assemblies
- Students and staff would both like assemblies to take place before lessons start in the morning
- Students would gain 10 minutes per day (100 minutes per fortnight) at lunch time to pursue the wide range of Music, Sport clubs, societies and enrichment even further
- Students and staff would benefit from 'travel time' between registration and period 1, which is the busiest transition of the school day because Form tutors very often have to move from form classes to teaching classes

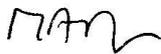
- Our Skills for Progress programme would take place fortnightly on a rolling programme and benefit from a longer time allocation. Students and staff indicate this would be a great advantage. There would also be more opportunities for students to enjoy guest speakers in areas of the curriculum we are not able to offer.

I hope this letter gives you a clear and transparent rationale for why we are considering these possible changes. Before we do, I write to invite your views about the advantages and disadvantages of our proposal. You can use the following email address to share your views:

schoolconsultation@bluecoatschool.org.uk

This consultation will close at 12.00pm on 14 December 2015. We will carefully consider all of your views in reaching a decision about any changes to the school day and communicate this to teachers, students and parents on 1 February 2016.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher