



6 March 2008

Dear Parents

I have some important information covering several areas:

1. Final details of Myton's new curriculum and school day starting in September 2008

As you will hopefully be aware, these changes have come about following a large number of consultation events including students, parents, members of staff and the governing body. Our key aim throughout this process has been to ensure that all students at Myton have the best possible learning experience, alongside meeting the areas raised in our recent OFSTED inspection.

I would again like to thank all parents who have been involved in this process, both in terms of attending the two consultation events and through written feedback. These views have been most helpful in coming to the final decisions.

From September Myton will work on the following model

- 1 hour lessons
- Form Time every day
- 2 week/10 day timetable (week 1 will be different to week 2)
- 8:45am start and 3:15pm finish

Registration	08:45	08:50
Form/Assembly	08:50	09:10
Lesson 1	09:10	10:10
Lesson 2	10:10	11:10
Break	11:10	11:25
Lesson 3	11:25	12:25
Lunch	12:25	13:15
Lesson 4	13:15	14:15
Lesson 5	14:15	15:15

- Key Stage 4 Preferences will be made on the basis of 'guided free choice' (those parents in the current Year 9 will already be aware of this)

We are currently finalising details of the necessary changes to timings of the school buses, more information will follow as soon as available.

2. Girls' summer uniform

A slight change has been agreed by the Governors. In addition to the current white blouse (Trutex style TRH 750) another white blouse which sits over the skirt/trouser waistband (Trutex style TRH 810) has been approved. Girls have the option of one of these two blouses only. The original white blouse must continue to be worn tucked in, whereas the new blouse is designed to be worn outside of the waistband. Uniform stockists Chez Rama and Rascals are aware of this additional option.

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3. **Academic Year Dates 2008-09**

Autumn Term 2008:

Commences: 2 September 2008 (more information to follow)

Finishes: 19 December 2008

Half Term: 27 October – 31 October 2008 (1 week)

Training Days: 1 September, 23 & 24 October 2008

Spring Term 2009:

Commences: 5 January 2009

Finishes: 2 April 2009

Half Term: 16 February – 20 February 2009 (1 week)

Training Days: 3 April 2009

Summer Term 2009:

Commences: 20 April 2009

Bank Holiday: 4 May 2009

Finishes: 17 July 2009

Half Term: 25 May – 29 May 2009 (1 week)

4. **Bus Park**

We have increasing problems with cars using the bus park and turning area at the front of school.

Between 8.00-9.00 am and 3.00-4.00 pm this area is out of bounds for cars and can only be used for buses. There have been a number of issues relating to Health & Safety in this area and I must ask for your cooperation in this.

Thank you for your support. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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