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Headteacher  
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Dear PCS Families

Here are some updates and key information about next year.

## Timings of the school day

Following our consultation with you in March 2023, we will be changing the length of the school day to be in line with Government guidance, meeting the 32.5hr/week recommendations.

The structure of the school day will be:

**08:30** arrival - From 08:35 students will be considered 'late'  
**08:40 - 09:40** Lesson 1  
**09:40 - 10:40** Lesson 2  
**10:40 - 11:00** Break (all students)  
**11:00 - 12:00** Lesson 3  
**12:00 - 12:40** Lunch (Y7, 8)      **12:00 - 13:00** Lesson 4 (Y9, 10, 11)  
**12:40 - 13:40** Lesson 4 (Y7, 8)      **13:00 - 13:40** Lunch (Y9, 10, 11)  
**13:40 - 14:40** Lesson 5  
**14:40 - 15:10** Personal Development Intervention (PDI)

## Term dates for 2024-2025

We will send you key dates for each year group in separate letters when we have them finalised. A general overview includes:

### **Start of term 1**

02/09/2024 INSET day 1 - School closed for staff training  
03/09/2024 INSET day 2 - School closed for staff training  
04/09/2024 Start of term for Y7 (08:30 arrival and met on the tennis courts by tutors followed by assembly) and Y11 (11:00 arrival and assembly)  
05/09/2024 Normal timetable for Y7 and Y11. Start of school for Y8, Y9 and Y10 (08:30 arrival).

### **Early school closure** This will happen when we have significant evening events:

12/09/2024 Y6 open evening. School closes at **14:40**. For this event only there will be a later start of **9:30 on 13/09/2024**  
07/11/2024 Y11 Parents' evening (1). School closes at **14:40**  
05/12/2024 Y10 Parents' evening. School closes at **14:40**  
16/1/2025 Y9 Parents' evening. School closes at **14:40**  
13/3/2025 Y11 Parents' evening (2). School closes at **14:40**  
05/6/2025 Y7 Parents' evening. School closes at **14:40**  
19/06/2025 Y8 Parents' evening. School closes at **14:40**

### **There are five INSET days across the academic year:**

1. 02/09/2024
2. 03/09/2024
3. TBC (either 25/10/2024 or 29/11/2024)
4. 07/03/2025
5. 27/06/2025



## Staffing changes

It is always with mixed emotions that I inform you of the staff changes that will take place for the next academic year. Staff move on for a variety of different reasons, including retirement, promotion and, sadly, also to leave the profession.

Those leaving us at the end of this term are:

**Ms Tait**, our wonderful and indispensable HLTA in Maths, and dear friend, who is retiring after being an integral part of PCS since 2004.

**Mrs Wood**, our Administrative Assistant extraordinaire, and dear friend, who is also retiring after 20 years supporting us all at PCS.

**Mr Woods**, a brilliant member of the PE department and School Sports Co-ordinator since 2021, who is moving away from our local area.

**Mrs Curcio**, our fantastic SENDCo is moving to a different role after supporting so many in our community since 2022.

**Ms Wallace**, our lovely long-term RE and cover teacher, providing a consistent and friendly approach to our students this year.

**Ms Olding**, our fabulous Head of History has significantly developed the curriculum and her department this year.

**Ms Wright**, our amazing Geography teacher and mentor, devastatingly is leaving the teaching profession, though we all hope she decides to return to it one day.

**Mr Puertas**, sadly will be leaving the MFL department after building such positive relationships and engaging language lessons.

We are pleased to say that we are fully staffed for next year and have appointed the following staff who inspired us when they came to interview:

New staff joining us are:

**Mr Brock** - Teacher of Music

**Mr Brown** - Teacher of Science

**Mr Cavallaro** - Teacher of MFL

**Ms Channon** - SENDCo

**Mr Cuthbertson** - Head of RE & Philosophy

**Mr Dumbrell** - Teacher of PE and SScO

**Ms Fluery-Beecham** - Head of History

**Ms Willson** - Teacher of Science

We hope you will welcome them all to our PCS community.

We have made some light adjustments to our pastoral system so that tutors will now stay with their groups as they progress through the school and the Year Team leads will be linked with KS3 or KS4. We will shortly be sending out the tutors linked to each year group, though tutor groups will not be finalised until September.

Head of Y7 (Pastoral Lead) - Ms McCaughan

Assistant Head of Y7 (Pastoral Support Manager) - Ms Fernee and Ms Robinson

Head of Y8 (Pastoral Lead) - Ms Pollard

Assistant Head of Y8 (Pastoral Support Manager) - Mr Thomsett

Head of Y9 (Pastoral Lead) - Mr Millar

Assistant Head of Y9 (Pastoral Support Manager) - Ms Brooks



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Head of Y10 (Pastoral Lead) - Ms Leggett  
Assistant Head of Y10 (Pastoral Support Manager) - Ms Farmer

Head of Y11 (Pastoral Lead) - Ms Willis  
Assistant Head of Y11 (Pastoral Support Manager) - Ms Elliott

Yours sincerely

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