



**PEMBROKE**  
A PRIORY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

In a move to develop and enhance further our curriculum offer at Pembroke, we are making a number of important changes to the curriculum and school day from September 2018.

### **Academy Day**

Thank you to everyone who replied to the consultation in May 2018. We will be making some small changes to the current timings of the school day. We plan to give more time to morning tutor sessions. This enables us to develop further the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural curriculum at Pembroke. We also aim to make further improvements to our Careers provision.

To help students prepare for their school day, we will also be offering an enhanced before-school breakfast provision from 8.00am to 8.30am each day. A wide range of very reasonably priced hot and cold breakfast items and refreshments will be available to students. I would encourage students to take up the breakfast opportunity where appropriate, as it helps to prepare them for a productive school day ahead.

The length of break and lunch times will alter slightly, becoming 20 minutes for morning break and 30 minutes for lunch. The school day will finish at 3.05pm. A range of optional extra-curricular clubs and activities will then run after school, if students wish to participate.

Please note that the buses/home-to-school transport service times will remain unchanged.

Below is the finalised version of the new timings for the school day at Pembroke:

8.40am – 9.10am	Tutor Time – SMSC/Careers/Assembly
9.10am – 10.10am	Period 1
10.10am – 11.10am	Period 2
11.10am – 11.30am	Break 1
11.30am – 12.30pm	Period 3
12.30pm – 1.00pm	Break 2
1.00pm – 2.05pm	Period 4 (including Afternoon Registration)
2.05pm – 3.05pm	Period 5

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### **Academy Curriculum**

With effect from September 2018, we aim to develop the love of reading at the Academy. We are working with a charity called The Reader Organisation. We will be employing a Reading Leader and aim to have a reading room operating very soon. We believe that reading stimulates imagination and deepens curiosity, love of learning, and the desire to play. It also opens doors for future success if students are literate. There is a proven correlation between illiteracy and low income.

We are also improving the Careers provision at Pembroke by employing a Careers Advisor to work with staff and students. The aim is to continue to expand student aspirations and support them on their required pathways post Year 11.

As the Academy grows, we also have a number of new staff joining us in September. I will provide more details about this in a future letter.

### **Academy Ethos**

It has been an incredible 10 months so far. If you have the chance, I would urge you to look on our website, Twitter or Facebook page. The staff and students have achieved so much in such a short time.

We have now agreed a very clear model on which Pembroke moves forward. We will have one motto, three rules and five values:-

**Motto** – Achieving Together.

**Rules** – Everyone at Pembroke will always be Safe, Ready and Respectful.

**Values** – We expect everyone at Pembroke to exhibit Curiosity, Wisdom, Courage, Passion and Generosity.

If you have any questions on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Pembroke team.

Yours faithfully



**Mr S Evans**  
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