



Timetable of the School Day 2021–2022 Parent Consultation

We are proposing to amend our school day following feedback and some of the lessons learned during the pandemic period. This would be for a one-year trial in the first instance. We would welcome your comments to dmc@rgshw.com by Tuesday 14 July.

Form /Assembly time

The pre-pandemic pattern was inefficient. Three days of Junior followed by Senior Assembly (in a 30-minute window) resulted in no time left for a meaningful form tutor experience with assemblies frequently running over into lesson time.

It is proposed to hold: One Queen’s Hall Assembly per year group (per week) for Junior, Middle and Sixth Form groups. This will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday respectively. This will enable assemblies to be better tailored for age groups. There will be a weekly virtual assembly, which will be ideal for guest speakers and matters that apply to the whole school. It will continue to afford opportunities for Heads of Year and Heads of House to meet with their groups.

Lunchtime and breaktime

The pre-Covid lunch hour began at 13.40. This put a strain on the first break. This brings both breaks to earlier in the day. The longer second break is to allow rehearsals, practices and clubs to have sufficient meaningful time.

Teaching time

Most of our lessons are doubles, but the 40-period week does allow for flexibility. We are proposing a Period 8 which is five minutes longer. This will make a small, but noticeable, difference to Games and TAA to allow changing time, etc. It is Periods 7/8 which we lose at the end of half terms/terms and for other events and activities that take place during the school year.

School finish time

The most noticeable difference is that we would now finish the school day at 15.30. Although this is a by-product of reducing assembly form time is has a particular benefit in that Co-curricular events can commence a little earlier. We hope this will ease the return of the activities, particularly in the winter and mean that post-school day meetings can start and finish a little earlier.

We are aware that this slightly earlier finish time to the formal school days will put us out of kilter with other local grammar schools. Teaching time is, however, 5 minutes a day longer than the pre-pandemic model.

RGS TIMETABLE OF THE DAY 2021-22		
08:40	Form Room	
08:45	Form Period / Assembly	
09:05	Period 1	40
09:45	Period 2	35
10:20	Period 3	40
11:00	Period 4	35
11:35	Break (30)	
12:05	Period 5	40
12:45	Period 6	35
13:20	Lunch (50)	
14:10	Period 7	40
14:50	Period 8	40
15:30	End of school day	