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Important: Changes to the School Day and Curriculum Offer

Dear Parents and Carers,

From September 2026, Yateley School will introduce a new structure to the school day. This change has been carefully planned to improve the rhythm of learning across the week and ensure that students see their teachers and subjects more regularly.

There are also exciting developments for each year group. To ensure you have speedy access to what matters to you, you can explore what lies ahead using the relevant links below:

In September 2026, my child will be beginning year:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to life at Yateley School. <p>Year 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose areas of interest for Deeper Study. <p>Year 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choose your GCSE Options <p>Year 9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your GCSE journey begins <p>Year 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing for life beyond GCSEs <p>Year 11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to A-Level Study <p>Year 12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next chapter begins <p>Year 13</p>
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A move to 60-minute lessons

Currently, some subjects are taught fortnightly, which can mean long gaps between lessons. From September 2026, all lessons will be 60 minutes long, replacing the current 75-minute lessons. This will allow us to move to a five-period day, ensuring that every subject is taught at least once every week.

We believe this will bring a number of important benefits for students:

- Greater continuity of learning, with regular weekly contact in all subjects
- Stronger relationships with teachers, as subjects are seen more frequently
- Improved knowledge retention, as learning is revisited more consistently
- A clearer weekly routine, which helps students organise their learning

The overall length of the school day remains the same as current structure, and the start of the day will not change.

The School Day from September 2026:

08:40-08:45	Arrive on school site
08:45-09:05	Tutor Time
09:05-10:05	Lesson 1
10:05-11:05	Lesson 2
11:05-11:30	Break
11:30-12:30	Lesson 3
12:30-13:30	Lesson 4
13:30-14:10	Lunch
14:10-15:10	Lesson 5
15:10 onwards	Extra curricular clubs and activities

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Note that break time will be five minutes longer, providing students with more time to relax and socialise during the morning whilst lunch will be slightly shorter, but still provide ample time for students to eat and spend time with friends. Tutor time remains at the start of the day for 20 minutes.

Overall, this new structure will allow us to deliver a more consistent and effective curriculum, while keeping the familiar rhythm of the school day.

We highly recommend clicking the link(s) that apply to your child/children at the top of this letter.

Kind regards,

Mr P Hill
 Deputy Headteacher

September-26 Curriculum Visual (below and High Definition [here](#)) + September-27 Visual ([here](#))

