



## Robert Smyth Academy

### Changes to lesson times and bells next term

Next term there will be new lesson times at Robert Smyth Academy - these are shown below.

#### For Years 7 and 8

8.45 Start of tutor time  
9.10 Start of period 1  
10.10 Start of period 2  
11.10 Start of break  
11.30 Start of period 3  
12.30 Start of lunchtime  
1.15 Start of period 4  
2.15 Start of period 5  
3.15 End of normal school day

#### For Years 9 to 13

8.45 Start of tutor time  
9.10 Start of period 1  
10.10 Start of period 2  
11.10 Start of break  
11.30 Start of period 3  
12.30 Start of period 4  
1.30 Start of lunchtime  
2.15 Start of period 5  
3.15 End of normal school day.  
For some students in Year 12 or 13, on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, this is the start of period 6 which ends at 4.15.

In addition, the Academy will not be using bells to signify when lessons begin and end. The reasons for this are:

- going to school helps to prepare students for life after school and in most cases, people's lives are not controlled by bells;
- not having bells leads to a more pleasant environment;
- Years 7 and 8 will have their lunch earlier than everyone else. We don't want a lunchtime bell to go while other students are in the middle of lessons.

Students will still be expected to get to lessons on time and if they are late, teachers will challenge them and make a record on the register.

How will students manage without bells?

- Secondary school students can all tell the time and there are various clocks around the Academy, including one in each classroom.
- Many students wear watches and even if they don't, they can quickly work out that everyone else is on the move to their lessons.
- Teachers who are on duty will tell students it is time to move to lessons.
- There is no need for an end-of-lesson bell because teachers control the time when students are allowed to leave their teaching areas.