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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **New School Timetable – Week Beginning Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May**

As previously stated in my letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, the new school timetable is scheduled to begin on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May (for pupils in S1-S3) and Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June (for pupils in S4-5). Those currently in S2 and S4-S5 should, by this stage, have selected their preferred options choices for next session; the new school timetable will reflect these options choices, so I would expect all young people to sustain good attendance until the end of the session.

S1-S3 pupils (i.e. new S2-S4) will be given their new timetables on the Tuesday morning (30/5/23). They should go to their Tutor Time class at the beginning of the day to be issued with their timetables.

S4-S5 pupils (i.e. new S5-S6) will be given their new timetables on Thursday morning (1/6/23). Again, they should go to their Tutor Time class at the beginning of the day to be issued with their timetable. I am aware that some young people in S4-S5 may be undertaking work experience placements at this time; we will ensure that they are issued with their new timetables when they return to school following the end of their placement.

Any pupils who have any difficulties or issues regarding their timetable will have opportunity to see the relevant Deputy Head teacher, so that a swift solution can be sought.

### **Expectations**

As they move to their new timetables, pupils should remember our key expectations of Bellahouston Academy pupils:

- Pupils should attend school and arrive at all lessons on time;
- Pupils should attend school each day with a fully-charged iPad, and the other materials they will need to engage properly with their learning;
- Pupils should be mindful of school rules in relation to mobile phones;
- Pupils should be in full school uniform when attending school.

Unfortunately we have seen a recent decline in the number of young people wearing school uniform. In particular, some young people are wearing sports clothing, such as jogging trousers/leggings, or sports sweatshirts with prominent colourful branding; these are not acceptable uniform items. We are very keen for pupils to wear uniform, as it promotes a sense of belonging. The school uniform is:

- White shirt
- School tie
- Black trousers or Black skirt
- Black Hijab
- Appropriate school footwear

Many young people also choose to wear the school blazer.

It is not necessary for young people to arrive at school in PE kit, if they are timetabled to have P.E. period 1; instead, pupils should arrive at school in full school uniform, and use the changing facilities provided.





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If you require any assistance in accessing appropriate school uniform items, please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher or Depute Headteacher, so that we can support you.

We are also seeing more young people arrive late at the beginning of the school day, and after lunch. Late-coming can be disruptive to learning and teaching, so I would be very grateful if you could reiterate to your child the importance of punctuality.

### **Change to Morning Lesson Timings**

We will, from next week, be making a minor change to lesson timings. Tutor Time will move to the beginning of the school day, with periods 1 and 2 being moved back by 10 minutes to accommodate this. There is no change to the length of the school day, or the start and end times of the school day. This means that the timings of the school day are as follows:

Tutor Time	8.50am - 9.00am
Period 1	9.00am - 9.50am
Period 2	9.50am - 10.40am
Interval	10.40am - 10.55am
Period 3	10.55am - 11.45am
Period 4	11.45am - 12.35pm
Lunch	12.35pm - 1.20pm
Period 5	1.20pm - 2.10pm
Period 6	2.10pm - 3.00pm
Period 7	3.00pm - 3.50pm (Tuesdays and Thursdays only)

If you have any questions in relation to the above, please get in touch with me, or one of my Pastoral Care or Depute Headteacher colleagues at the school.

Kind regards,

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