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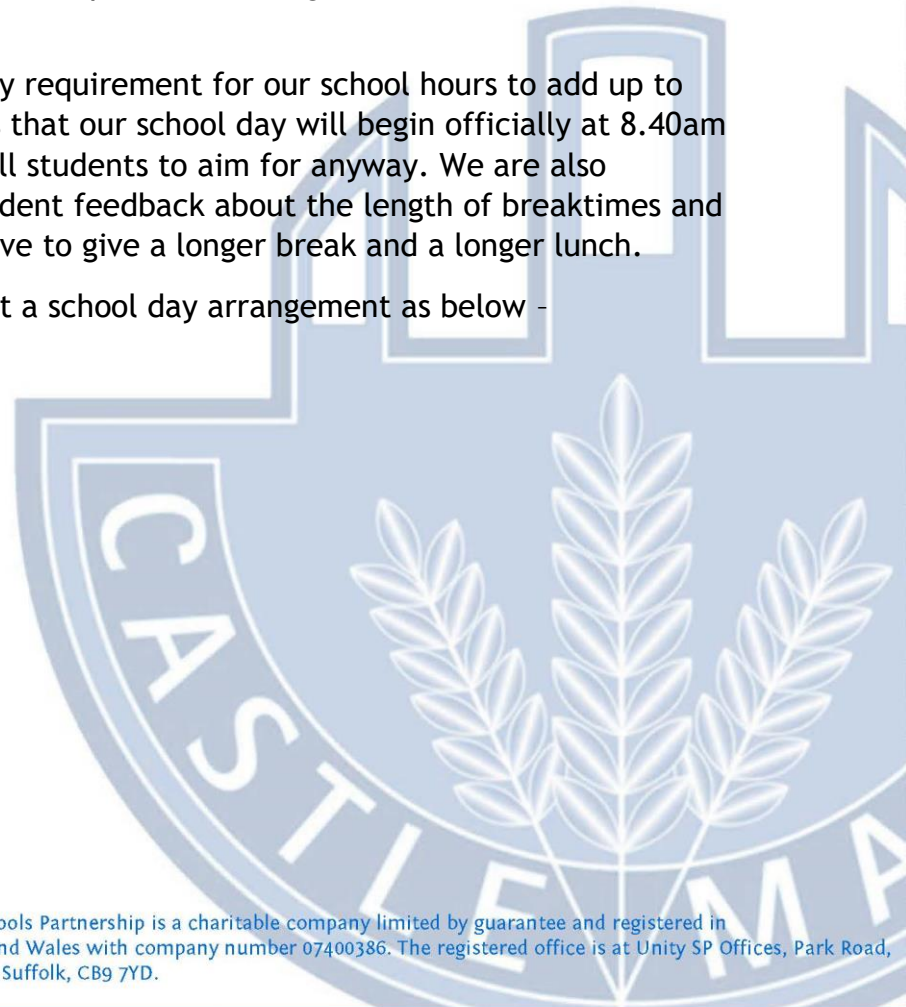
Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we said our first farewell to Year 11 as they had their final full day in school. It felt very emotional for everyone involved! We will still be seeing them for exam revision masterclasses, the Prom and Graduation.. and the results day in the summer, so we will hold off on our final goodbyes for a while!

I wanted to draw your attention to job opportunities in our school which are available on this link <https://unitysp-careers.co.uk/job-search/>. We are keen to appoint new teaching assistants both for our specialist unit The Arch and for our mainstream provision. These roles come with lots of training opportunities and opportunities for further career development including the move to Teacher Training if desired.

In September we have a statutory requirement for our school hours to add up to 32.5 hours per week. This means that our school day will begin officially at 8.40am - this is currently the time we tell students to aim for anyway. We are also responding to some staff and student feedback about the length of breaktimes and lunchtimes and considering a move to give a longer break and a longer lunch.

Our initial thoughts are to look at a school day arrangement as below -



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08.25-08.40	Briefings
08.40 - 09.10	Tutor
09.10-10.00	Session 1
10.00-10.50	Session 2
10.50-11.10	Break
11.10-12.00	Session 3
12.00-12.50	Session 4
12.50-13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 14.20	Session 5
14.20 - 15.10	Session 6
15.10 - 16.00-16.30	Enhancement/ Meetings

This would mean that all yeargroups are on lunch together and will have a staggered entry to the canteen areas and we would open up more indoor space for eating in poor weather. This would also give an opportunity for more clubs at lunchtime too. If you have any questions or comments about this idea please direct them to me on [VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk](mailto:VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk). We are considering a trial period this term ready to then launch in September for a 4 week trial with the whole school.

I included in my letter a few weeks ago that we would be very happy to receive any donations of second hand uniform, and I wanted to say thank you to those who have dropped uniform in, we are happy for anything you have to be dropped off at reception and will use it to support those who need it.

As ever please get in touch with me with anything you need on [VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk](mailto:VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk)

Have a lovely week.

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