



EMMANUEL COLLEGE
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear Parents and Carers

**Shaping the Future at Emmanuel College
Restoration, recovery and development from September 2021**

This year has been extraordinary in so many ways. It has been very difficult at times but the pressure of Covid-19 has also prompted us to be more innovative and creative in our approach. Our students have been amazing in their reliance, flexibility and maturity. We are very much looking forward to an exciting year ahead and it is my pleasure to be able to write to you to summarise some of the more significant changes for September that parents and students should be aware of. In addition to this letter, I shall be speaking to students tomorrow and on Friday so that the whole community has a clear understanding about what school will be like in September.

Our commitment to providing the very best holistic education possible is as strong as ever, as is our desire to make sure that any deficit in learning or development that has been caused by the pandemic is dealt with. To this end, we are making changes which will allow us to add meaningful opportunities for co-curricular activities and academic catch up and plan to give students greater freedom to move around the building and to benefit from the many specialist facilities we have here in College.

We have benefitted this year from a reorganised school week which was, of course, necessitated by the Covid-19 restrictions but has brought additional benefits. However, from September, **we shall return to our normal start and finish times: 08:25 start and 16:00 finish Monday-Thursday, and a 14:30 finish on Friday.** Students in Years 7-11 will gather outside in the morning, as they did prior to the pandemic, and we shall reintroduce morning break.

While our start and finish times will remain the same as before the pandemic, there will be a change to the structure of the day. By retaining 45-minute lessons (some were 50 minutes prior to the Covid-19 arrangements) and making a couple of other adjustments to timings, it will be possible to finish academic lessons each day by 15:05. This will enable us to provide *all* students with just under four hours each week of participation in a refreshed co-curricular programme, academic catch-up sessions (where necessary) and independent study (where it will be possible to complete homework as well as additional individual study tasks). It is also our intention to use this time between 15:05-16:00 for detentions and pastoral support, so that there are no compulsory activities after 16:00.

By doing this, we believe that students will get more out of the time available during the school day and crucially, will have access to the full range of provision whilst retaining a healthy balance between school and home. We know that prior to Covid-19, many young people missed out on the co-curriculum because of the difficulty of travelling home later in the evening and that for many, the very long day followed by homework was overly burdensome. It is our belief that this arrangement gets this balance right and will enable all students to engage in the full life of the College, making rapid academic progress and growing in character whilst also having quality time with family, friends and the wider community after hours.

We have set out below what the school day will look like. Fridays will continue to look a little different, so a separate table showing what a Friday will look like can also be found below.

We intend to retain year group zones for most lessons when we return in September, but it will be a very different experience to this year. The aim is to continue to benefit from the positive aspects of what we have done this year, such as the lack of congestion and the time saved by reducing movement around the school, while avoiding some of the less favourable aspects of the current situation. **Students will move between classrooms much more than at present** as we reintroduce more flexible and variable grouping and they will **make more use of specialist rooms for science, technology and creative arts subjects**. We plan for sport and PE to return as normal.

You will know that at present we start each day with Good Morning Emmanuel. This live broadcast has been a great opportunity for us to introduce guests, staff and other students to the whole College and for us to provide the daily act of worship in a relevant and engaging format.

It is our intention to develop Good Morning Emmanuel further next year. We plan to introduce a shorter, snappier format lasting 15 minutes each day, retaining the best of the elements we have included this year. Greater attention to production quality and planning will ensure that we offer our best in this area of the life of the College.

We also intend to reintroduce the whole College assembly, but intend to move this from Monday morning to Friday afternoon. This event will be called our College Celebration and will incorporate a range of elements designed to celebrate the achievement and endeavours of students. As this will also incorporate our daily act of worship, the time between 08:25 and 08:50 each Friday morning will be structured to allow for the delivery of some elements of our newly refreshed Personal Development Curriculum.

Monday – Thursday

8:00	Students may arrive on site. Most students will remain outside (unless it is raining) although Sixth Form may come straight into College. <i>Staff will meet together for a weekly briefing at 08:00 each Monday.</i>
8:25	Tutor time: All students will be expected to be in their tutor rooms by this time . Students who are not, will be marked late.
8:35	Good Morning Emmanuel
8:50	Lesson 1
9:35	Lesson 2
10:20	Morning Break
10:35	Lesson 3
11:20	Lesson 4 / Lunch for Year 7 – Year 9
12:05	Lesson 5 / Lunch for Year 10 – Year 13
12:50	Lesson 6
13:35	Lesson 7
14:20	Lesson 8
15:05	Activities / Study Time
16:00	End of the compulsory school day. School buses depart (16:07) and most co-curricular activities end (students may remain in the library and open areas – Sixth Form may remain on site).
17:30	School closes to all students.

Friday

8:00	Students may arrive on site. Most students will remain outside (unless it is raining) although Sixth Form may come straight into college.
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8:25	Extended tutor time
8:50	Lesson 1
9:35	Lesson 2
10:20	Morning Break
10:35	Lesson 3
11:20	Lesson 4 / Lunch for Year 7 – Year 9
12:05	Lesson 5 / Lunch for Year 10 – Year 13
12:50	Lesson 6
13:35	Tutor time followed by the College Celebration
14:30	End of the compulsory school day. School buses depart (14:37). School closes to all students. <i>Staff remain on site until 16:00 and have preparation time as well as time for department meetings. A limited number of co-curricular activities may take place at this time.</i>

Yours sincerely

Matthew Waterfield
Principal