



Beaumont School

Austen Way St Albans Hertfordshire AL4 0XB

www.beaumontschool.com e: admin@beaumont.school t: 01727 854726

Headteacher: Mr M Atkinson e: head@beaumont.school

10 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to notify you that we are proposing a change to the timings of the school day at Beaumont and to consult you about this proposal. The Board of Trustees has scrutinised our plans and has given them its full backing. Our aim is for the new timings to take effect from September 2028. We have selected this as our preferred date because it is aligned with the intended date for a revised National Curriculum, and it will provide us with sufficient time to prepare effectively, ensuring a smooth transition with no reduction in standards.

We have provided detailed information about the proposed change in the form of answers to likely questions on our [website](#), and I would strongly encourage you to read this information before responding to the consultation. However, in summary, we would like to make this change for the following reasons:

- It will ensure our students are ideally placed to succeed as changes to curriculum and assessment are implemented nationally in the coming years.
- It will provide us with greater flexibility to tailor our curriculum to students' needs, particularly with regard to the number of subjects studied at Key Stage Four.
- As our school population continues to grow, and our site develops accordingly, it will make the time spent in school more efficient by reducing the number of transitions between lessons.
- It will provide better value for the public money which is entrusted to our care.

The proposed timings of the school day are from 8:25am to 3:10pm, Monday to Friday, incorporating five lessons per day of one hour in duration (rather than the current seven lessons of 45 minutes). Our current timetable is very much an outlier, both locally and nationally, and the change would bring us more closely into line with most other schools, including our neighbours.



An outline of what the school day would look like under our proposals can be found below:

- 8:25am Arrival and line-up
- 8:30am Tutor Time
- 8:50am Period 1
- 9:50am Period 2
- 10:50am Break
- 11:15am Period 3
- 12:15pm Period 4
- 1:15pm Lunch
- 2:10pm Period 5
- 3:10pm End of the school day

I hope the information we have provided enables you to see the logic of the proposed change. We welcome responses to our consultation, which should be submitted [via our website](#) by Friday 27 March 2026. Please note that we will not respond individually to questions submitted as part of the consultation, but we will make updates if necessary to our web page in the light of common questions received.

As always, our commitment is to excellent standards in the education of our students, and it is my firm belief that this change is the best way to continue to improve our provision into the future. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Atkinson', written over a horizontal line.

Martin Atkinson
Headteacher