

Ramsey Grammar School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: New School Times and RGS Intent & Values

After consultation with students, staff, parents, and carers regarding revised times for the school day, the overwhelming response from stakeholders was in favour of changing the day. The findings were presented to the Governing Body on 26th March 2024 where a vote was taken, and it was agreed that the times of the school day **will** change.

From 2nd September 2024, the school day will be as follows:

08.45 - Registration/Assembly 09.05 - Lesson 1 09.55 - Lesson 2 10.45 - Break 11.05 - Lesson 3 11.55 - Lesson 4 12.45 - Lunch (Lunch Clubs are 12.45 to 13.10) 13.35 - Lesson 5 14.25 - Lesson 6 15.15 - End of Day

You will notice that students will begin school 5 minutes earlier and finish 25 minutes earlier. Lessons will remain at 50 minutes, and after school clubs will run from 15.15 to 16.15. Bus Vannin will be changing their timetables to accommodate our new times.

Review of the school's intent and values

An effective school needs a clear statement of intent that staff and students have contributed to and everyone can be inspired by. Ramsey Grammar's intent has not been reviewed for approximately five years and no-one really spoke about it or knew what it was.

Over the last two terms we have taken the opportunity to ask staff and students what is important about our school, what we do well, what we want to improve, and what qualities we would like to see in our staff and students. We have also sent a survey to parents asking for feedback.

We have collated the information to establish a fresh statement of intent, school motto and school values that will underpin how we are going to ensure we give our students the best opportunities to prepare them for their futures, empowering them to make an excellent contribution to the prosperity of our Island.

Our school motto from 2nd September will be:

Invest, Believe, Achieve Together

Our school values that underpin our motto and everything we do are:

Responsibility | Growth | Success

Our Statement of Intent is to:

- create dynamic and compelling learning environments where the highest quality of learning and teaching leads to excellent standards of achievement and mastery of key skills for all students.
- work together to build a community with ambition, resilience, a sense of self-worth and selfbelief where personal growth is encouraged, so that people are equipped to thrive in an everevolving world.
- offer highly valuable and memorable curriculum experiences within and beyond the classroom that enhance personal development and academic excellence.
- recognise and celebrate the uniqueness of all students by creating an inclusive school culture where strong relationships are built on mutual respect, kindness, and acceptance of others.
- empower everyone to take responsibility for striving for personal excellence, whilst also being agents for the growth and success of others.

This term we will be working together, preparing plans for implementation in September and very much look forward to your support and involvement in realising our ambitions for your children.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Sonia Taylor Headteacher