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Dear Parent / Carer

### Change to the timing of the Academy Day

Having consulted earlier this term with staff and the Academy Council about the 40 minutes of tutor time at the end of the Academy day, we have found that a morning tutor time is preferred and that staff and students also feel 40 minutes is too long. With this in mind, we have decided from September 2017 to move tutor time to the start of the day (8.30-9am) every day and to reduce it by ten minutes. Tutor time is an important time of the day when students come together as a tutor group or as a year group, and take part in a wide variety of activities including assemblies, debates, literacy or numeracy activities, peer mentoring, reading, Work Related Learning, intervention or PSHRE.

Secondly, we have reviewed our lunch time arrangements and we have decided to reduce lunch time from 60 minutes to 50 minutes. We feel that 50 minutes is plenty of time for students to have lunch, catch up with friends, do homework, meet teachers about their work or take part in a lunch time club or sporting activity.

These two changes mean that from September 2017, the end of the Academy day will be 3.10pm every day of the week. Finishing the timetabled Academy Day twenty minutes earlier means there are going to be even more opportunities for students to take part in activities, intervention and clubs after school.

### Upcoming events this term

Our Year 13s will be celebrating the end of their two year courses with their **Graduation Celebration on 28 June** at the Waltham Abbey Marriott.

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our first annual **Sports Awards Ceremony** on the evening of **Thursday 6 July**, from 6pm until 7.30pm. This will be to celebrate the exceptional sporting achievements of our students throughout the academic year of 2016/17, both as individuals and as teams. All students involved, and their parents/carers will be invited to attend.

**Walthamstow Academy Sports Day** will be on **14 July** here at the Academy. Students will compete against each other in a variety of events and will be cheered on by their tutor groups. Students will be dismissed at 12.50 on that day. Later that same day, our Year 11s will be getting together to celebrate all their achievements over the last five years at their **Graduation Prom** at the Waltham Abbey Marriott.

Our **last day of term is Wednesday 19 July**: students will be dismissed at 12.50pm.

For our 2017-18 term dates and parents evenings, please see our website. You can also follow us on twitter (@WalthamstowAcad) and on Facebook to see what our amazing students and staff get up to while they are at the Academy.

With best wishes

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