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Dear Parents/Carers,

Outline for new Academy Day & Vision for the next phase of MEA

I'm thrilled to be writing to you following my appointment as Interim Trust CEO and Principal of MEA from September 2018. As someone who has worked alongside Mr Eldon for nearly eight years at MEA as Senior Vice Principal and then Trust Curriculum Director, I already know the students and community well. Working alongside Vice Principals Ms Jarvis and Ms McLaren, we are excited to be moving MEA further forward in the future alongside our key partners of WCHG, the airport, Lloyds and Manchester City Council.

As always, the Academy continues to grow and develop. In September, a new year 7 cohort of 240 students will replace the outgoing year 11 cohort of just over 100 students. To ensure we can all dine in the most pleasant environment, and leave school comfortably, we ran a consultation last term on a proposal to change the timings of the school day. The results of this have been overwhelmingly positive, and so we will start the new timings of the school day on Monday, June 18th as shown:

Time	Dinner A	Dinner B
7.30am	School Opens	
8.00am – 8.40am	Breakfast	
8.55am – 9.15am	Registration/Assembly	
9.15am – 10.15am	Period 1	
10.15am – 11.15am	Period 2	
	<i>Dinner A</i> 11.15am – 11.45am	Period 3 11.15am – 12.15pm
	Period 3 11.45am -12.45pm	<i>Dinner B</i> 12.15pm – 12.45pm
12.45pm – 1.45pm	Period 4	
1.45pm – 2.05pm	<i>Break</i>	
2.05pm – 3.05pm	Period 5	
3.05pm	End of School Day / After School Activities	

Students should eat their main meal at dinnertime, as this is when a wide range of full meals will be available. Students receiving a free school meal will have this provided at dinnertime. At afternoon break a selection of snacks will be available, but these snacks will not be as substantial as the food available at dinnertime. We will continue to offer free breakfast for all students starting at 8.00am. ... continued





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Please note the earlier finish time of 3.05pm which gives us a bit more time to provide extra-curricular activities, something that will be especially welcome in the winter months.

Unlike last year, we do not have any major building works planned over the summer holiday, but we are introducing a number of new exam subjects such as Photography and Hair and Beauty. Working with our sponsors, we continue to offer an enormous array of opportunities to students, with the excellent Lloyds Bank mentoring programme proving particularly popular. We bid farewell to Year 11 students next week, but look forward to seeing them all dressed up at the Prom. Our annual trip to Spain departs at the end of June, Year 8 students will find out their option choices at the beginning of July and years 9 and 10 have Big Tests or Progress Exams to prepare for. We will also be visited by year 5 and 6 students over the coming weeks as they prepare for life at secondary school.

Finally, at the end of term we will be saying farewell to Mr Eldon and thanking him for his enormous contribution to MEA and the wider community of Wythenshawe before he departs. The high expectations Mr Eldon has modelled for all our students of course continue. We all know that students with the best attendance and attitudes to learning get the best exam results. Students that wear our uniform with pride and represent themselves maturely both in and outside the academy are the ones that employers and colleges are desperate to meet.

I look forward to working with you to ensure a fantastic future for all.

Best wishes,

Mr. D Bell
Interim Trust CEO and Principal of MEA
(effective from 1 September 2018)

