

17<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Parents and Families,

**RE: Timings of the School Day– New Train Timetables from 20th May 2018**

In December I wrote to families to confirm we would be maintaining the current start time of 9.00am for the summer term and conducting an impact assessment of new train timetables on punctuality to college over the summer term.

National Rail has informed us that from 20th May 2018, trains will arrive in Rye at 8.45am from Ashford and at 8.47am from Hastings. Similarly, trains to Ashford and Hastings will depart from Rye at 3.47pm at the end of the school day.

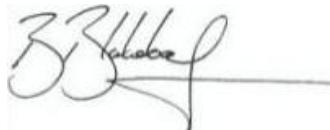
The college welcomes these changes and thanks East Sussex Transport Hub for their support in our recent consultation on the timings of the school day.

These new train times will allow the college to further improve punctuality. Whilst we will monitor the impact of these changes, I would like to reiterate the expectation that all students are in college and ready to learn from 9.00am sharp each school day.

As stated in my previous letter regarding the outcomes of the consultation, the college reserves the right to implement a later start time from September 2018 without further consultation if punctuality does not improve over the summer term. Such a change would not exceed 15 minutes and be designed to better align with new service arrangements. The college will consider all future changes to timetables (typically in May and December) and undertake an annual review of the timings of the school day to influence a ‘best outcome’ for Rye College going forward.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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