

## THE ACADEMY DAY 2019 – 2020

The times of the academy day are changing from September 2019. There are a number of reasons for this, most importantly to facilitate the **introduction of a new reading strategy designed to improve every student’s reading ability.**

*The DfE report ‘Reading Matters’ published in 2015 suggests that “One in five children still leave primary school unable to read at a standard that will ensure they are well placed to succeed at secondary school.”*

In addition to this, the demands of new GCSEs place a higher importance on reading. The reading ages of many of the exam papers are high and the expectation that students are aware of and able to use technical language has increased.

We have, therefore, allocated 30 minutes per day to reading and supported reading with the aim of improving this and have built this into the timetable. Students will read set texts supported by their tutors each day for 30 minutes. This will include: silent reading, reading aloud and being read to. The structure of the academy day will be slightly adjusted to facilitate this.

The revised day will also solve a number of other challenges, including the short length of break time and lunchtime, plus the size of the refectory, which means it’s often hard to cater for a large number of students adequately.

Lessons have been reduced from 60 minutes to 55 minutes, while break time has been increased from 15 minutes to 20 minutes. The 5 minute change over at lunchtime allows for a full 30 minute lunchtime for students. The academy day will now end at 2:50 pm.

<b>Registration/Assembly</b>	<b>08.30 – 08.50</b>
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>08.50 – 09.45</b>
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>09.45 – 10.40</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>10.40 – 11.00</b>
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>11.00 – 11.55</b>
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>11.55 – 12.50</b>
<b>Registration/READ TO SUCCEED 1</b>	<b>12.50 – 13.20</b>
<b>Lunchtime 1 (Y7, Y9, Y11)</b>	
<b>5 minute changeover</b>	
<b>Registration/READ TO SUCCEED 2</b>	<b>13.25 – 13.55</b>
<b>Lunchtime 2 (Y8, Y10)</b>	
<b>Session 5</b>	<b>13.55 – 14.50</b>

# Buckler's Mead Academy – Term Dates 2019/2020 Academic Year



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## Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Day

## Term dates summary:

Term 1: 02 September – 25 October 2019 (40 days)  
 Term 2: 04 November – 20 December 2019 (35 days)  
 Term 3: 06 January – 14 February 2020 (30 days)  
 Term 4: 24 February – 03 April 2020 (30 days)  
 Term 5: 20 April – 22 May 2020 (24 days)  
 Term 6: 01 June – 20 July 2020 (36 days)

**TOTAL = 195**

## Bank and public holidays 2019/2020

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2019	Easter Monday	13 April 2020
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2019	May Day Bank Holiday	04 May 2020
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2020	Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2020
Good Friday	10 April 2020	Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2020

**Anticipated** start date for the 2020/2021 academic year: 01 September 2020

The Local Authority will consult on prospective dates for the 2020/21 academic year and the finalised dates will be published in April 2019