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School Transport

On behalf of the Temporary Governing Body (TGB), Judith Richardson met representatives of the Local Authority and Southern Vectis immediately before half term to discuss the school transport implications of aligning the start and finish times of the school day across the Carisbrooke, Medina and Sixth Form Centre (Nodehill) sites. The TGB had been asking for this issue to be resolved for many months, so it was helpful to gather key players around the table.

As a number of teachers, and some support staff, will need to travel between Carisbrooke/Medina and the Sixth Form Centre, the timings of the school day need to be aligned to allow this to happen. Moreover, there are many more pupils on the main school sites who are likely to require a school lunch, so sufficient time has to be allocated to enable all pupils to get their lunch and for staff to travel, if necessary. Every effort will be made, however, to minimise travel between sites.

Southern Vectis transport pupils to schools in two "shifts": to schools with an early start and then to schools with a later start. Both Medina and Carisbrooke fall into the later start "shift." In order to align the timetables, the schools cannot start until the last bus arrives at the schools, which will be in time for a 9.10am start. It is therefore proposed that the key timings of the school day from 1st September 2011 will be as follows:

09.10	Lesson 1
10.10	Lesson 2
11.10	Break
11.25	Tutor Time
11.45	Lesson 3
12.45	Lunch
13.40	Lesson 4
14.40	Lesson 5
15.40	End of school day

We appreciate that whilst the timings of the school day are much the same for Carisbrooke, Medina pupils will be starting later. We are very sorry about any inconvenience this may cause. The school transport department have said they will ensure the times of the buses are changed so pupils do not arrive too early for school.

We have been informed that the new bus timetable will be available for viewing at the beginning of August, with details in the schools for individual pupils one week before the term starts.

If parents/carers wish to comment on these arrangements, please send any observations to Judith Richardson via her PA, dianapenman@carisbrookehighschool.co.uk

Roger Edwardson, Head of Learning & Achievement for the Local Authority, has agreed that he will gather representatives of all the secondary schools together early in the autumn term to discuss arrangements for the following year.

Induction / Information Evenings

This is an exciting time for students on the Island as they move a step closer to starting at Medina College and Carisbrooke College. All of the

staff are greatly looking forward to meeting the parents and students during the induction process.

The induction days have been organised on an Island-wide basis. For Carisbrooke and Medina the arrangements are detailed below:

Tue 5th July	Year 8 into 9
Wed 6th July	Year 7 into 8
Thu 7th July	Year 6 into 7
Fri 8th July	All new year groups

The Medina induction days will start at 8.45am and run until 3.10pm. Pupils attending the Carisbrooke induction days should arrive for a 9.10am start, ending at 3.35pm.

Medina Induction Evenings

All the evenings will be in two sittings, at 6.00pm and 7.00pm. Times have been allocated in the letter sent to parents/carers before half term. New pupils are also invited.

Mon 20th June	Year 6 into 7
Wed 22nd June	Year 7 into 8
Thu 23rd June	Year 8 into 9

Carisbrooke Induction Evenings

Again, the evenings will be in two sittings, at 5.00pm and 6.00pm. Parents should meet in the main school hall for a presentation by the new Headteacher, Shaheen Khan-Jones, which will last about half an hour. There will be an opportunity for parents to order the new uniform for their sons/daughters.

The Carisbrooke induction evenings are being held on the same date as the induction days, i.e:

Tue 5th July	Year 8 into 9
Wed 6th July	Year 7 into 8
Thu 7th July	Year 6 into 7

Have Your Say—We want to hear your views. Please send them to us via e-mail at the following address: dianapenman@carisbrookehighschool.co.uk or write to Judith Richardson at the Carisbrooke High School address.



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Middle schools are responsible for providing transport to the new schools' induction days.

Students can purchase a lunch from the school canteen, costing approximately £1.95, or they may bring a packed lunch.

School Uniform

From September, there will be a focus on ensuring all students wear their school uniform with pride and strictly follow the uniform guidelines. To avoid any confusion, the Headteachers will write to all parents / carers confirming these expectations for September.

For Medina, the current Year 9 and 10 students will be issued with a new school tie; if parents would like to purchase the new school blazer they can collect an order form from the main school office and return it with payment in an envelope addressed to Val Reeves. This will then be processed and available for the start of term.

For pupils entering Years 7 to 9, parents will be able to order the new Medina College school uniform on Tuesday 5, Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 July from 3.30pm to 7.00pm at the school.

For Carisbrooke, parents of students in Years 10 and 11 will be able to order the new school uniform from 5th July. Order forms will be available from Hazel Thompson, at the school office. If a new blazer is purchased, students will be issued with a new school tie, free of charge.

Students in Years 10 and 11 will be allowed to continue to wear their old Carisbrooke High School uniform until they need to replace it with the new school uniform.

There will be an opportunity for parents to order the new Carisbrooke College school uniform during the parents evenings on 5, 6 and 7 July. It is hoped to have a mock-up of the new school uniform on display.

Consultation on School Meals

The Council's contract with Pabulum to supply school meals to secondary schools ends in August 2012. With the opening of the new schools, the opportunity has been taken to review the food offer and to consult the students about their preferences. Last week, Mr Thomas (Headteacher Designate, Medina) coordinated a meeting with Pabulum to meet groups of students from the middle schools, Carisbrooke and Medina to gain their views on potential menus for the new schools.

There will be a focus on healthy eating, which the students endorsed. Students will be consulted further once the draft menus are received.

School Attendance

Young people cannot learn or do their best, if they are not in school. The TGB is committed to ensuring robust measures are in place to encourage and support young people to attend school and to learn. Overall levels of attendance at both schools, and for sixth form students, are currently not high enough. A number of measures will be put in place in September to improve levels of attendance. These will be discussed with our Parent Voice representatives. However, it should be noted that:

- any holidays taken during term time will be unauthorised;
- there will be rewards for full attendance on a termly and yearly basis;
- the current practice of contacting parents on the first day of absence will continue; and
- the attendance of each form will be published weekly, with credit going to the best and most improved forms.

Parents must inform the school if they intend to take their child out of school during term-time. Holidays should be taken during the school holiday period.

IIT Trustee Graham Pengelly



Graham Pengelly is a Chartered Civil Engineer who has worked for 35 years in the public and private sectors in the UK and Middle East on a variety of building, water and highway engineering projects.

Graham takes an active interest in education on the Island, as a Governor and Trustee for 17 years of St. Catherine's School in Ventnor, a non-maintained charity for children with speech and language disorders, and 16 years as Governor at Solent Middle School, Cowes.

Graham is the Quarr Group appointed trustee and director of the Group and its subsidiary Mountjoy. The Quarr Group, through its subsidiaries Mountjoy, N-Viro and Pabulum, provide Building and Facilities Maintenance, Cleaning and Catering Services across southern England.

Graham comments: "The Quarr Group employs a large number of staff on the Island and is keen to ensure that academic training is linked to the needs of employers. We believe that this will contribute to the local economy by helping to provide its young people with the necessary qualifications and skills needed for a successful future."

NEXT ISSUE

In the next issue, we will be reporting on the new school logos and the building works to be undertaken during the school holidays. We are also planning how we will deliver a range of extended services over the next school year.