



## Rugby School

### **Some Notes on the Working Week for Full-Time Teaching Staff**

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays begin with Chapel at 8.25 a.m. All pupils attend Chapel and teaching staff are expected to attend. Twice a term there are School Assemblies attended by all pupils and staff, in the Temple Speech Room. Year-group Assemblies normally take place after lessons on Monday.

Weekday mornings (Monday to Saturday) have five forty-minute lessons from 8.45 a.m. until 12.50p.m., with a five-minute break between each lesson, and a thirty-minute break between lessons 3 and 4 during which staff go to the Senior Common Room for coffee or tea. There are six lessons on a Tuesday and Thursday morning, three after break with an earlier start (8.25 a.m.)

The pupils have lunch in Houses from about 1.00 p.m. until 1.30 p.m. Staff are welcome to join pupils for lunch (by invitation of the Housemaster or Housemistress) as often as they please; each teacher is attached to a House as a 'tutor', and is expected to lunch in that House twice a week, and make him/herself available to see pupils on some occasions after lunch.

There are three afternoon lessons on Mondays and Wednesdays and two on Fridays; the times vary from day to day and also according to the season – afternoon lessons generally finish later in the winter so as to allow games practices before lessons to take place in the daylight. Between lunch and lessons, or between lessons and tea, on these days there are various activities such as sports practices, orchestral rehearsals, drama rehearsals and so on.

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons have no lessons. Tuesday and Saturday afternoons are largely for sports matches and coaching, while Thursday afternoon is devoted to a variety of activities including an Outward Bound course, the Combined Cadet Force and numerous types of Social Service. All staff are expected to contribute on these afternoons.

Tea in the boarding Houses is at 6.15 p.m., followed by prep (pupils work individually in their studies) from 7.00 p.m. until 9.00 p.m., except on Saturdays. There is then free time for pupils from 9.00 p.m. until bed-time, which varies from 9.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. or later according to age. Tutors are expected to be in attendance in their House one evening a week, in order to see their tutees and help generally in the running of the House (in the day Houses this is fitted in during the afternoon).

The only formal activities on Sundays are Chapel (usually mid-morning) and prep in the evening. There are no lessons.

The total number of lessons in the week is 40; the standard teaching load for a full-time teacher is 28 lessons a week, although newly qualified teachers are on a reduced timetable in their first year.