



1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Consultation on timings of the academy day from September 2020**

Following meetings with governors and senior staff, I am writing to inform you about changes being proposed for next year and invite you to engage in consultation about the following proposals relating to the academy day.

The consultation for parents and carers will run from Monday 1st June to Friday 12th June 2020. The consultation also includes feedback from other stakeholders including staff, students, the local community and our feeder primary schools.

**Reasons behind the proposed changes:**

Our current curriculum model does allow for a broad curriculum but does not allow for sufficient time for key subjects such as English, Mathematics and other E-Baccalaureate subjects. Many schools have had to either dramatically cut the curriculum time given to non-examinable subjects such as Physical Education or narrow their curriculum offer. This proposal will ensure that we do not have to do either of these things.

The move from 25 lessons of 60 minutes (1500 minutes) a week to 28 lessons of 55 minutes (1540 minutes) will allow students at Pool Hayes Academy to receive a broad and balanced curriculum, with an enhanced focus on enrichment and greater amounts of time allocated to the key skills they will require to ensure they are more employable than others in the future.

The key changes are:

- Tutor time moving from the start of the day to allow students to go straight into learning at 0845 ensuring a positive start for all
- A split lunch in order to decrease the natural congestion created at lunch due to the number of students
- 55 minute lessons instead of the current 60 minute lessons
- A finish time of 1530 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and a finish time of 1435 on Monday and Friday

These will allow across a fortnight:

Key Stage 3: additional lessons in English, Mathematics, Humanities, Science and Spanish

Key Stage 4: additional lessons in English, Mathematics, Science, pathway subjects, History and Geography

Key Stage 5: increase in curriculum time, opportunity for further enrichment programmes


The proposed model for the academy day following discussions with staff is:

<b>Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday</b>		<b>Monday and Friday</b>	
0845-0940	Lesson 1	0845-0940	Lesson 1
0940-1035	Lesson 2	0940-1035	Lesson 2
1035-1050	Break	1035-1050	Break
1050-1145	Lesson 3	1050-1145	Lesson 3
1145-1240	Lesson 4	1145-1240	Lesson 4
Year Group A 1245 – 1305 Form 1305 – 1340 Lunch	Year Group B 1245-1320 Lunch 1320-1340 Form	Year Group A 1245 – 1305 Form 1305 – 1340 Lunch	Year Group B 1245-1320 Lunch 1320-1340 Form
1340 – 1435	Lesson 5	1340 – 1435	Lesson 5
1435 – 1530	Lesson 6		

We hope that this letter outlines the main reasons behind our proposals. Any responses to the consultation must be made in writing, marked for the attention of Phillipa Harris, Principal. They can be emailed to [consultation@poolhayes.attrust.org.uk](mailto:consultation@poolhayes.attrust.org.uk) or posted to reception marked 'Academy Day Consultation'.

Before finalising these proposals, we have researched outstanding practice in other schools across the country and we are proposing these changes to ensure that our young people receive the very best education possible.

Yours faithfully



Phillipa Harris  
Principal