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**Re: Proposal to change the length of the Academy day.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of our proposed changes to the structure of the Academy day to take effect from **September 2021**. This letter marks the beginning of a consultation period where you are invited to consider the proposal made and feedback your views for consideration.

**Rationale:**

We propose to restructure the Academy day to:

- Provide shorter, more focused learning periods
- Provide more learning periods within the Academy day to support a broad and balanced curriculum for all
- Provide a longer lunch break which also provides opportunities for:
  - extended social time
  - a broader range of extra-curricular activities
  - academic and pastoral intervention.

**Proposal:**

The proposal is to change the structure of the school day which would result in extending the school day by 15 minutes (8:25am - **3.00pm**). We propose to deliver 6 x 50 minute lessons (current structure: 5 x 60 minute lessons) with students receiving a 50 minute lunch break (current structure: 30 minute lunch). KS3 and KS4 lunches will be timetabled at two different times.

When reviewing the structure of our Academy day, we were mindful of our students who have responsibilities outside of school, i.e students who are carers or who collect siblings from primary school, and we feel that our proposed changes will not impact too significantly on these commitments.

**Our new Academy day will be as follows:**

	Period	Time	Minutes		Period	Time	Minutes
Key Stage 3	Form	8.30 – 8.55	25	Key Stage 4	Form	8.30 – 8.55	25
	1	8.55 – 9.45	50		1	8.55 – 9.45	50
	2	9.45 – 10.35	50		2	9.45 – 10.35	50
	Break	10.35 – 10.50	15		Break	10.35 – 10.50	15
	3	10.50 – 11.40	50		3	10.50 – 11.40	50
	Lunch	11.40 – 12.30	50		4	11.40 – 12.30	50
	4	12.30 -1.20	50		Lunch	12.30 -1.20	50
	5	1.20 – 2.10	50		5	1.20 – 2.10	50
	6	2.10 – 3.00	50		6	2.10 – 3.00	50



I would like to invite you to consider this proposal and should you wish, share your feedback on the proposal by emailing: [enquiries@farringdonca.net](mailto:enquiries@farringdonca.net) for the attention of Mr Holder, Headteacher or Mrs G Hossack, Chair of Governors. This consultation period begins today and will close on Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. After the close of the consultation period, we will consider all feedback and may follow up responses for further detail/discussion with individual correspondence.

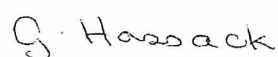
We will share the results of the consultation to staff, students, and parents/careers by **31st May 2021**.

Should the changes be approved, they will come into effect from **September 4<sup>th</sup> 2021**.

Yours sincerely,



Mr N Holder – Headteacher



Mrs G Hossack – Chair of Governors