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Dear Parent/Carer

Parent Consultation - Envelope of the School Day & Extended Learning

At Oathall we are continually driven to raise the standards and aspirations of our students; thus creating a climate in which they can all thrive and succeed. The structure of our school day is fundamental in supporting these aims and as we look forward to an academic year without COVID restrictions, we have the opportunity to restructure the school day.

Our school timetable can enhance the learning experiences of all our students so they have access to the full breadth of opportunities on offer alongside intervention and further study.

With all this in mind, a possible alternative school week could look as follows:

8.40am - 3.00pm Monday

8.40am - 3.00pm Tuesday

8.40am - 3.50pm Wednesday

8.40am - 3.00pm Thursday

8.40am - 3.00pm Friday

The main change is the additional extended learning session which could take place every Wednesday between 3.00pm - 3.50pm. In these sessions students would be offered a multitude of activities to help strengthen their overall personal development, aspirations and achievement.

The extended learning session would be compulsory for all students and over the course of the year they would participate in six different activities such as:

- Extra-Curricular Activities - a range of activities would be offered to students, e.g. STEM projects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), sports, art, entrepreneurship, LEGO robotics, music etc...
- Revision & extended learning in English, Maths and Science.
- Careers & Colleges – time would be set aside to have taster lessons in option subjects as well as have external speakers come in and speak to students about careers and colleges.

- Revision Skills & Wellbeing - GCSE students would be educated on effective revision techniques alongside their personal wellbeing.
- Transition Skills – our new Year 7 students would be taught the skills they need to succeed in secondary school.
- Life Skills - students would have the opportunity to learn about crucial life skills such as finance, first aid, constructing college applications etc.

The Schools White Paper is asking schools to offer a minimum of 32.5 hours per week by September 2023 and this new proposal meets this expectation. As a school we feel strongly that this extra time should not just be added to the school gate opening times but rather have real meaning for our students with the time dedicated to further learning and experiences. This proposed extended learning time will enable our students to gain vital life skills alongside further developing their curriculum knowledge and participating in extra-curricular activities.

This is an incredibly exciting opportunity and no doubt you will have many questions. I have put together some FAQ's as I think they will answer many of those questions.

FAQs:

Will clubs still run?

Yes! Our fantastic staff body will still run clubs so students can still be a part of farm club, orchestra club etc all the year round.

What will happen to those students who take a bus?

The new times of the day would have no impact on the bus schedule when the day finishes at 3pm. On Wednesday when the day finishes later students can take the 272 bus on West Common at 16.21. The Crawley luxury bus can be changed to accommodate this later finish.

Will my child have a choice in the sessions they do?

Some of the opportunities and experiences will be arranged so that all the children in the year group participate, however others will be based on a selection process and students will be able to pick what they would like to do.

Is this definitely happening?

Absolutely not, we are consulting all the stakeholders in the school; all of these views will be collated and reviewed before a decision is made.

How can I give feedback on my views?

We would very much appreciate your views on this proposal. A parental questionnaire is ready for you to fill in [here](#). The deadline for completion is Friday 3rd June. If you wish to ask any further questions you may email parentconsultation@oathall.org

Yours sincerely

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