

Hayle Academy

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Dear Parents/ Carer

75 minute lessons – We value your feedback

At Hayle Academy, our expectation is that all students are actively engaged in their learning, through high quality, stimulating and dynamic lessons, planned in line with an academically challenging and progressive curriculum.

As part of our curriculum review, we are considering the duration of the lesson length to ensure that our provision effectively maximises the learning opportunities for our young people.

Currently, our students experience sixty minute lessons, which equates to five lessons across the school day. We are proposing to move to a seventy-five minute lesson length from the start of September 2020 – an increase of fifteen minutes per lesson. This would result in a change from five lessons per day to a school day consisting of four lessons. The start and end times of the day would not change.

We believe that this move to seventy-five minute lessons, will maximise the time for students to embed and deepen their learning, which underpins great teaching and learning. This time will benefit students by providing more opportunities to tackle any misconceptions; to recall and build on prior learning, and will provide further time for feedback, problem solving and extended tasks, in turn enabling students to enhance their literacy skills. On a practical level, students will have less changeovers to manage during the day.

Looking at other schools in Cornwall, feedback strongly indicates that 75 minute lessons are the most effective in supporting and challenging students, leading to the best possible outcomes for our young people.

As part of our consultation process, we would value your feedback on the proposal of 75 minute lessons and the three possible models of the school day, which are outlined below:

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Period	Start	End	Period	Start	End	Period	Start	End
Tutor	8:50	9:10	Tutor	8:50	9:10	Tutor	8:50	9:10
1	9:10	10:25	1	9:10	10:25	1	9:10	10:25
2	10:25	11:40	Break	10:25	10:45	Break	10:25	10:35
Break	11:40	12:00	2	10:45	12:00	2	10:35	11:50
3	12:00	13:15	3	12:00	13:15	Break	11:50	12:00
Lunch	13:15	13:50	Lunch	13:15	13:50	3	12:00	13:15
4	13:50	15:05	4	13:50	15:05	Lunch	13:15	13:50
						4	13:50	15:05

You will note that the lunchtime will be slightly shortened by five minutes in each of these models.

As part of this process, we are also gathering feedback from students and staff. We would value your input into our review through your feedback on the following key questions:

- What are the strengths and benefits of the seventy-five minute lesson length?
- What are the possible issues that we need to consider as we develop this plan?
- Which of the three models would you prefer and why?
- Any other suggestions and thoughts that you wish to share regarding this proposal.

Please email any comments you would like to contribute to the consultation via the following address: secretary@hayleacademy.net

Our seventy-five minute lessons consultation process **will close on Friday 20th March 2020 at midday.**

Once your feedback has been collated, we will share the feedback with you and our plans moving forward in preparation for September.

Thank you very much for your time and for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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