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Dear Parent/Carer,

CONSULTATION ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE SCHOOL DAY AND WEEK

As mentioned in my letter on Friday, I would like to make some changes to the structure of the school day, and the school week, to improve the learning experiences and attainment of our young people.

At present we run what is referred to as a 33-period week. This is represented diagrammatically as shown below, with key features listed to the right.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
0850 - 0900	TUTOR	TUTOR	TUTOR	TUTOR	TUTOR
0900 - 0950	1	1	1	1	1
0950 - 1040	2	2	2	2	2
1040 - 1055	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
1155 - 1145	3	3	3	3	3
1145 - 1235	4	4	4	4	4
1235 - 1320	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1320 - 1410	5	5	5	5	5
1410 - 1500	6	6	6	6	6
1500 - 1550	7		7		

Key features of current model

- 10 minutes of tutor time at the start of each day
- A further 32 periods of 50 minutes duration across the week
- Break time lasts for 15 minutes
- Lunch time for 45 minutes
- Seven periods per day on Monday and Wednesday
- Six periods per day on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- 3:50pm finish on Monday and Wednesday
- 3:00pm finish on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

While the above model works and is not uncommon, there are a number of imperfections that could be eliminated by adopting a different model. Having consulted with the Parent Council, staff, and several focus groups of pupils from all year groups, I propose to change from August 2021 to the model shown in the diagram below. Again, key features are described to the right of the diagram:

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
0850 - 0940	1	1	1	1	1
0940 - 1025	2	2	2	2	2
1025 - 1110	3	3	3	3	3
1110 - 1125	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
1125 - 1215	4	4	4	4	4
1215 - 1305	5	5	5	5	5
1305 - 1345	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1345 - 1430	6	6	6	6	6
1430 - 1515	7	7	7	7	7

Key features of proposed model

- No tutor time
- A total of 35 periods across the week, consisting of:
 - o 20 periods of 45 minutes duration
 - o 15 periods of 50 minutes duration
- Break time lasts for 15 minutes
- Lunch time for 40 minutes
- Seven periods every day
- 3:15pm finish every day

In the proposed model, pupils would spend a total of 27 ½ hours in school, which is identical to the number of school hours in the current model. This proposed model works well in other schools, and has contributed to a number of improvements, including young people achieving better exam results. It is my belief that moving to this model will be better for Eastbank Academy's young people.

I am keen to have the opportunity to explore this with you and outline the rationale for, and benefits of, the proposed change more fully. I am also keen to hear your views. While I cannot invite parents and partners into school for an 'in-person' open meeting, I will be able to do so on Zoom, and will host a meeting on Wednesday 12 May at 6pm. Should you wish to attend this meeting to contribute your views or



ask questions, please fill in the attached form which can be found [here](#). This will allow me to send a link to you for the meeting. If you wish to attend, please complete the form by 12:00 noon on Monday 10 May.

I look forward to speaking with you and hearing your views on 12 May.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Graham', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jonathan Graham
Head Teacher

