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Re: Changes to the Academy Day – Secondary

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our commitment to improving learning and progress at Nottingham Academy we are continually reviewing our provision. We have looked at the structure of the Academy day, consulted with colleagues across Greenwood Academies Trust and reviewed curriculum provision in other high performing schools. Following this review and consideration by the Academy Leadership Team we believe it is necessary to change the structure of the Academy day.

I have fully consulted with Nottingham Academy staff and over 90% of those who responded support the changes.

The changes will be implemented across the Secondary phase (Greenwood Campus and Ransom Road Campus) from September 2018. There is no change to the Academy day in the Primary phase.

A summary of the change is detailed below.

- The new Academy day will be as follows;

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| 08:30am – 08:40am | Registration/Form |
| 08:40am – 09:40 am | Period 1 |
| 09:40 am – 10:40 am | Period 2 |
| 10:40 am – 11:00 am | Break |
| 11:00am – 12:00pm | Period 3 |
| 12:00pm – 1:00pm | Period 4 |
| 1.00pm – 1.40pm | Lunch |
| 1:40pm – 2:40pm | Period 5 |
| 2:40pm – 2:50pm | R10* |
| 3:00pm – 5:00pm | Staff CPD on Mondays |

- The Academy day will start earlier at 8.30am and end earlier at 2.40pm.
- The Academy will move from a 6 period day (6 periods of 50 minutes) to a 5 period day (5 periods of 60 minutes). The total time in lessons will remain the same.
- Tutor time will be reduced to a 10 minute registration/form time. An additional lesson of PSHE/Citizenship will be timetabled.
- Lunchtime will reduce from 50 minutes to 40 minutes.
- An additional period of training/continuing professional development will be in place for all staff on a Monday.
- We expect a significant increase in enrichment and intervention between 2.40pm and 4.00pm from Tuesday to Friday.



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Yourself



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Each Other



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Our Environment

** R10 is a sanction where pupils are detained at the end of the Academy day to allow a restorative conversation to take place, following an incidence of poor behaviour. This will not impact the significant majority of pupils who meet Academy standards impeccably.*

The anticipated impact of the changes are;

- An increased focus on staff training and professional development will be transformational for the Academy. This will further enhance the quality of teaching and learning and as a result further improve pupil progress.
- Fewer lessons in the day will reduce movement time resulting in less learning loss. The reduction in the number of lessons may also allow pupils to retain information more effectively.
- Longer lessons will allow the greater development skills and knowledge whilst increasing depth of learning.
- Analysis of Academy data indicates that the last two periods of the day under our current six period model can be less productive. Reducing the number of periods from two to one (in the afternoon) will help alleviate this issue.
- Pupils will be able to access a wider range of enrichment activities such as targeted intervention, revision, mentoring and extended opportunities in the arts, sports, outdoor education and much more.
- The early finish time will help ease congestion around the Greenwood Campus at the end of the Academy day.

Please contact me via adming@nottinghamacademy.org if you wish to comment on this change.

In addition to this I have also confirmed the Academy staff training days for 2018-19 when pupils are not required to attend.

The days are as follows;

- Tuesday 4 September 2018
- Wednesday 5 September 2018
- Monday 5 November 2018
- Friday 15 February 2019
- Friday 5 April 2019

The updated term dates are now available on our website.

Yours sincerely



Mr G Rae
Lead Principal, Nottingham Academy

