



Consultation on changing the structure of the school week and day length

1 September 2024

The Consultation will run for 6 weeks from Thursday 28 March
2024 until Thursday 9 May 2024

If you would like to comment please do so by emailing the Governance
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2. Proposal to change the length of the school week and day length

In order to support cross-school teacher development and joint working we are proposing that The Abbey School moves its current early finish (which sits on a Thursday) to a Friday afternoon. Other schools in The Howard Academy Trust have a similar arrangement and this will allow staff from different schools to work more collaboratively to improve the outcomes for children and young people.

We are therefore proposing the following changes:

	Current Arrangements (all days except Thursday)	Current Arrangements (Thursday)	Proposed Arrangements (all days except Friday)	Proposed Arrangements (Friday)
Morning Line-Up	8:45 – 8.50	8:45 – 8.50	8:40 – 8.45	8:40 – 8.45
Tutor time / PSHE	8:50 – 9.30	8:50 – 9.30	8:45 – 9.30	8.45 – 9.00
Period 1	9:30 – 10.30	9:30 – 10.30	9:30 – 10.30	9:00 – 10.00
Period 2	10:30 – 11:30	10:30 – 11:30	10:30 – 11:30	10.00 – 11.00
Period 3a (Lunch 1)	11:30 – 12:30	11:30 – 12:30	11:30 – 12:30	11:00 – 12.00
Period 3b (Lunch 2)	12:30 – 13:30	12:30 – 13:30	12:30 – 13:30	12:00 – 13:00
Period 4	13:30 – 14:30	13:30 – 14:30	13:30 – 14:30	13:00 – 14:00
Period 5	14:30 – 15:30		14:30 – 15:30	
Year 11 Intervention	15:30 – 16:30		15:30 – 16:30	
Finish time	15:30	14:30	15:30 (Yrs 7 to 10) 16:30 (Yr 11)	14:00

Please note that the proposal assumes the following:

- An earlier start time to each school day (by five minutes).
- A shorter length of form time on a Friday.
- Year 11 Intervention Time from Monday to Thursday. This means that the normal end of the Year 11 school day will typically be at 16:30, if students have been selected for support. This time will be used for targeted intervention, support and masterclasses so that all students can achieve their potential in their Year 11 examinations. Currently this takes already takes place on days when there is not an early finish

In making these proposals, we have been mindful of non-statutory guidance from the Department for Education from July 2023 which now has a minimum expectation of 32.5 hours per week. Our proposals would mean that:

- Years 7 to 10 and Sixth Form would have a typical week of 32 hours 40 mins.
- Year 11 would have a typical school week of 36 hours and 40 mins.

This consultation also includes other relevant parties such as:

- other local schools, nurseries, colleges and universities
- The bus-company
- Local authority
- Local hospitals
- Any after-school club providers.

We appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and you may have questions related to your child's education. For this reason, I would like to invite you to please share any feedback that you have by sending it to consultation@abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk or by writing to the Governance Professional body (details provided above).

We will release the results of the consultation and will write to all parties to communicate the **outcome w/b 13th May 2024**.