

24th June 2024

Consultation to amend the School Day from September 2024

Dear Parent/Carers

I am writing to inform you of changes I am proposing to make for our school day from September 2024.

Our current school day has been in operation since 2016. Over the last 8 years the school has almost doubled in size and has changed considerably. This means we are looking to implement a change of the school day. Changes that do not impact on the start or end time of the formal school day do not require parental consultation, however, we are considering ending slightly earlier at 3.00pm than our current time of 3.10pm. Should you have any opinions (positive or negative) that you wish to raise regarding this change please email them to post@wexham.slough.sch.uk for the attention of Ms Bains, Deputy Headteacher by 3rd July 2024, or write into the school. This will then be discussed at a Governing Body meeting, and they will make the final decision on whether this change goes ahead.

The reasons for this change are as follows:

- Traditionally we have a very long lunch period for a range of extra-curricular activities to be delivered. However, due to the growth of the school we are now having to split the lunchtime period. This has resulted in virtually all extra-curricular activities being delivered at the end of the school day. Finishing earlier means these activities would also finish earlier, which would be beneficial in the dark winter months and more will be available.
- Our long lunch period is considerably out of sink with many other secondary schools, especially locally. Shortening it will aid concentration in afternoon lessons.
- We also want to extend our mid-morning break due to the school now exceeding 1200 students.
- Finishing slightly earlier will also help the large numbers of students from the Langley area catch the direct bus that currently departs very close to the end of our school day from outside the school.

Proposed New School Day

8.35 – 8.40	Student on site ready for registration		
8.40 – 9.00	Registration / Assembly		
9.00 – 9.50	Lesson 1		
9.50 – 10.40	Lesson 2		
10.40 – 11.00	Break		
11.00 – 11.50	Lesson 3		
Year 7 and 8		Years 9 – 13	
Lesson 4 (split)	11.50 – 13.20	Lesson 4	11.50 – 12.40
Lunch	12.15 – 12.55	Lunch	12.40 – 13.20
Lesson 5		13.20 – 14.10	
Lesson 6		14.10 – 15.00	
Extra-curricular activities, interventions			

Last Day of Term

Just a reminder that Thursday 25th July is the last day of the academic year. The school will operate its customary compact day and will close at 1pm. Please see our term dates at the end of this letter for 2024/25, which outlines the day and time each year group will return in September 2025.

Yours faithfully



Mr Lawrence Smith
Headteacher

Term and Important Dates 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Thursday 5 th September 2024	First Day of Term for Students in Year 7 only 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Friday 6 th September 2024	Year 7 - 8.35 for 8.40am start Year 10 and 11 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Monday 9 th September 2024	Year 8 and 9 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Tuesday 10 th September 2024	Year 12 and 13 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Thursday 24 th October 2024	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Friday 25 th October 2024	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November 2024	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 4 th November 2024	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Friday 20 th December 2024	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm
	Monday 23 rd December 2024 to Friday 3 rd January 2025	Christmas Holiday
Spring Term	Monday 6 th January 2025	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	First Day of Term. All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Friday 14 th February 2025	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st February 2025	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 24 th February 2025	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Friday 4 th April 2025	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm
	Monday 7 th April to Monday 21 st April 2025	Easter Holiday
Summer Term	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Wednesday April 2025	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Monday 5 th May 2025	School Closed for May Bank Holiday
	Friday 23 rd May 2025	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May 2025	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 2 nd June 2025	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Wednesday 23 rd July 2025	Last Day of Term for students School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm