



Woolwich Polytechnic
School for Boys

Re: Proposal to change the timings of the school day

Good Morning,

I am writing to inform you of a proposed change to the structure of the school day here at Woolwich Polytechnic School for Boys.

Following our consultation for proposed changes to the school day at Woolwich Polytechnic School for Boys, I am now writing to extend the consultation to include an updated change. This is a result of both feedback from the initial consultation and the government's announcement for all schools to have a minimum length of school week from September 2023. The updated proposal will ensure that we meet the new minimum length of 32.5 hours per week. Our initial rationale remains along with the desire to increase both lesson time and pastoral care time so that both learning and well-being are best supported.

Following the full re-opening of both our schools, we want to bring them closer together by having consistent school day timings, in order to better support both students and staff. This will enable the sharing of staff and resources, better curriculum support and better support of Learning and Teaching, which will lead to higher standards in both our schools. The changes will also ensure a more consistent experience for staff, students and parents on Wednesdays each week.

The students will still have the same number of lessons as this year (29 per week), and all lessons will be the same length, which means an increase of 20 minutes of lesson time per fortnight. Both WPSfB and WPSfG will have the same amount of lesson time each week.

From a staff perspective, these changes will have a number of benefits. Specifically: the aligned timetables will allow easier collaboration, lesson visits and CPD opportunities. It will also allow easier sharing of staffing between the two schools and give departments greater capacity for teaching and support. We also believe the new timings give a better flow to the week and allow better use of the early finish on a Wednesday by having aligned timings and being regular each week. The new timings also give equal student learning time in both schools which will allow us to provide harmonised curriculum delivery over time and the sharing of best practice for improvement strategies.

The proposed changes are:

- To end the school day 5 minutes later at 3:05pm every day (except Wednesdays) in Week A and 15 minutes later at 3:15pm in Week B
- To end the school day at 2:20pm every Wednesday (this is 1 hour and 20 minutes later than current Week A timings, and 40 minutes earlier than current Week B timings).

The new school day timings would therefore be as follows:

Monday/ Tuesday/ Thursday/ Friday

	Start	Finish
AM reg	8:30am	08:55am
P1	08:55am	09:45am
P2	09.45am	10.35am
Break	10.35am	11.00am
P3	11.00am	11.50am
P4	11.50am	12.40pm
Lunch	12.40pm	1.15pm
P5	1.15pm	2.05pm
P6	2.05pm	2.55pm
PM reg	2.55pm	3.05pm *

* **Note the school day will end at 3:15pm in Week B with a 20 minute PM reg.** This is to ensure that students from each of our schools are being released at different times in order to support a smooth exit from the school site and to avoid congestion on public transport.

Wednesday

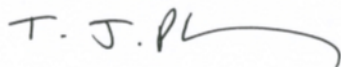
	Start	Finish
PD	8.30am	9.10am
P1	09:10am	10:00am
P2	10:00am	10.50am
Break	10.50am	11.15am
P3	11.15am	12:05pm
P4	12:05pm	12:55pm
Lunch	12:55pm	1:30pm
P5	1:30pm	2:20pm
Staff CPD/ Meeting Time	2:40pm	4:30pm

Should these changes be approved, they would come into effect from 1st September 2022. The information in this letter has also been sent to local bus companies, our catering providers and a range of other interested parties to make sure that we gather a variety of opinions.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you, in terms of childcare or working arrangements for example. For this reason, I would like to invite you to give your written feedback by emailing your responses to consultation@woolwichpoly.co.uk by Friday 6th May 2022.

We will release the results of the consultation by Friday 20th May 2022 via our website and Weduc and the final decision will be made at that point.

Yours sincerely,



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