



FAQ - Stakeholder Consultation Feedback

14% of the stakeholders responded to the consultation. 70% agree with the proposal.

What will the student contact time be? Can the curriculum be covered in the time allocated?

The recommended guided learning hours at GCSE is 120 hours per annum and at A level, 180 hours.

GCSE options provide 5 hours of guided learning a fortnight which equates to 185 hours

A Level courses provide 8 hours of guided learning a fortnight which equates to 296 hours.

We would prefer to have fewer days at Christmas and more in the Summer.

In the first year 2019-2020 we are trialling an extra week at Christmas and during October, but we may revisit the allocation of days in 2020.

Will the early finish be Friday only after lunchtime?

Yes

What about the number of hours for Arts Subjects?

All of the Arts subjects remain roughly the same (some subjects have been allocated 20 minutes more per week). The time studying Design Technology will be reduced over the year.

What will happen to the school bus on a Friday?

The school will, of course, negotiate this with the bus company.

Will the current inset days be reduced?

Yes. My proposal moving forward is that students receive 183 teaching days plus the additional 2 weeks holiday. Here is a direct comparison of hours:

	2018/19	2019/20	
Actual school days teaching	188	183	
Inset days	9	2	
Hours of teaching per week	25	24	(difference)
Teaching per year	940	878.4	61.6

Staff will be requested to remain in school every Wednesday afternoon until 5.30pm for training This equates to 83.15hrs over the year, compared to 49 hours at present.

The additional 1 hour on a Friday will allow staff to plan and prepare more effectively for the next week and manage targeted student interventions.

What will be the timing of the school day?

This has yet to be finalised.

Is there still scope for double lessons at GCSE level?

Yes