

4 May 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Monday Period 7 Consultation

I do hope that this letter finds you and your family well and looking forward to a memorable weekend to come.

In connection with my recent letter regarding student feedback, I am writing to you today to outline our proposed response to the feedback we received in relation to the Monday Period 7 lesson that currently exists as part of our school day. This proposal is for potential implementation in September 2023.

As you may already be aware, schools are required to provide a school week of no less than 32.5 hours. Presently, The Farnley Academy offers exactly 32.5 hours. It is, therefore, important to stress that the option of simply removing the time allocated to Monday Period 7 from the school week is not something that we are able to do. We are, however, able to use the time differently and through discussion with staff and students, we have put together a proposal upon which we would appreciate your feedback.

Years 7, 8 and 9

In our proposal, Monday Period 7 would be removed, and the 50 minutes allocated evenly across the rest of the week leading to Period 6 being 60 minutes long instead of 50 minutes daily. It is felt that an extended Period 6 lesson would be of benefit to practical subjects in particular, such as Art, Drama, PE, and Technology. This would mean that students in Years 7, 8 and 9 would move to a consistent finish time of 3.00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Years 10 and 11

It was felt by both staff and students that the removal of Period 7 on Mondays was not the correct option for these year groups. In a 31-period week, students have 5 lessons of English, Mathematics and Science, coupled with 3 lessons in their option subjects, 2 lessons for Citizenship, 1 lesson for PSHE and 1 lesson for PE. It was difficult to see how removing Period 7 on Mondays and reducing to a 30-period week would work within this timetable structure. Students in Year 10 and 11 would, therefore, continue to finish school at 3.40 pm on Mondays, and 2.50 pm on Tuesday to Friday.

With 1500 students at The Farnley Academy, it is anticipated that a staggered finish time of 10 minutes will also support the safe and orderly departure of all students from the academy.

We are keen to consider your feedback on this proposal before a final decision is made. To provide feedback, please click the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BMX6YK7>

If you have any questions about this proposal, please contact one of our Community Engagement Officers via our school email address (info@farnley.leeds.sch.uk) in the first instance.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support in this important area of our work.

Yours faithfully



Mr C Stokes
Principal