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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Consultation on extending the school day for small group Year 11 tuition from September 2022

I am writing to you to share some important plans ahead of September 2022 when your child will begin the final year of study at The Dean Academy.

For the last two years we have informally run a “period 6” for students in Year 11. This is an afterschool revision/tuition session where teachers have worked closely to support final year students develop confidence and prepare for examinations so that they can leave with qualifications that enable them to pursue careers they are passionate about.

We also cannot overlook the significant impact that period of closure due to the pandemic has had on this cohort’s learning. Schools nationwide have been given additional funding, known as the recovery premium, and we want to use this to formalise the “period 6” offer for your child.

We are proposing to extend the school day, on Wednesdays and Thursdays only, by one hour, from 1515 to 1615. During these additional two hours each week students will have a timetabled small group study session where teachers will help students revise, consolidate learning, and prepare to succeed in exams. We know that success in exams is a skill, and it takes practice. Our period 6 offers an opportunity to practice this skill and is not simply another lesson. We don’t overlook the importance of well-being and extra-curricular activities. Our belief is that this high-impact provision, done well, will free up more time within the school week and outside these hours for trips, visits and clubs.

Each week your child will have an additional study session in either English or Maths and Science or an option (alternate each week). This timetable will be reviewed after each Mock exam series (November and March) to ensure your child is not simply working on their best subjects.

We will have a period of consultation from today until Friday 6th May and we would welcome your feedback on this proposal. Should parents have any specific questions or queries related to your child we are more than happy to discuss these and can arrange a call back. We would really value feedback from parents/carers and if you would like to do this please complete the following Microsoft Form (please click [here](#)) within this time period.



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Finally, we know that for a significant minority of students they will require transport home. If parents can make alternative arrangements for students to be collected on a Wednesday or Thursday at 1615 it would be helpful but for those who cannot make alternative arrangements the Academy will provide transport home via minibus. If your child is unable to make alternative arrangements to get home and will still require transport, please indicate this on the form to help us with planning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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