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Re: Proposal to change the length of the school day, 1st September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the structure of the academy day here at Ormiston Maritime Academy.

You may be aware that the Government has issued a white paper called *Opportunity for all*, the focus is on strong schools with great teachers for your child and it sets an expectation that all state-funded mainstream schools will deliver a minimum length of a school week of 32.5 hours as soon as they can, and from September 2023 at the latest.

For our academy this will mean that from 1st September 2023, we will move from a 2:45pm finish to a 2:55pm finish. The extra 10 minutes per day will be added to the length of the lunchtime break, due to the increase in student numbers.

We also aim to introduce a compulsory Period 6 for Year 11 students only. This would take place from 2:55pm – 3:30pm every day. This is to ensure that all students have targeted bespoke interventions in preparation for their KS4 qualifications, taught by qualified teachers.

The information in this letter has also been sent to all relevant stakeholders. We will make sure to work together so that there is minimal disruption.

I appreciate that these required changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and I would like to invite you to give your views by emailing office@omacademy.co.uk by Friday 12th May.

We will send a final confirmation of the arrangements for the academy day for September 2023, after the period of feedback is complete.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C Robson
Principal
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