



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

Including Berryfields Primary

COLLABORATING *for* EXCELLENCE

15 February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

CONSULTATION ON EXTENSION TO THE ACADEMY DAY FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS 2019-2020

In order to broaden the curriculum offer at The Aylesbury Vale Academy, we propose a compulsory extension to the school day for Year 10 students until 4.00pm Monday to Thursday.

Currently, all Year 11 students have an extra lesson in their existing subjects Monday to Thursday. We have seen that this has had a significant impact on student progress and has given them a greater choice of options after leaving AVA.

We would like to expand on this strategy by offering a range of enrichment opportunities to Year 10 students to broaden their experiences outside of their timetabled subjects, develop life skills, build their cultural capital and embed a love of lifelong learning.

These enrichment opportunities may include the chance for students to be involved in sports clubs, creative activities such as performing and producing art work or pursuing an academic interest such as learning another language. We are planning for a wide range of activities to suit the varied interests of our students. In principle, students will choose up to four different activities Monday to Thursday. We are also proposing that students will be able to change their choice on either a termly or half termly basis if desired.

Extending the school day for Year 10 from September 2019 will require some logistical changes. We intend to work with the bus companies to ensure that all students are able to get home after 4.00pm. We will also consider a short break before the last lesson of the day to allow students time to get to their enrichment activity.

We would like to hear your views on the above proposal. If you have any thoughts, questions or feedback, we would like you to email these to enquiries@theacademy.me and reference your email, 'Extension to the Academy Day for Year 10.'

Furthermore, we will hold a parents' consultation evening on Monday, 25 March at 6:00pm where you can find out further information about the proposal, raise questions and express your views. The consultation will then close on Tuesday, 23 April.

Yours sincerely

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