



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

22nd April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well.

Last July the Department for Education released a document regarding the length of the school week. Within this document it sets out an expectation that schools should be delivering a minimum school week of **32.5 hours** or more. At QPHS we are currently under this expectation and therefore, I am writing to inform you about some proposed changes to the structure of the school week that will take place from September 2024 onwards.

The main change is the removal of the early finish for enrichment on a Tuesday afternoon – students will now have 5 lessons each day, 5 days a week. The 2 extra lessons per fortnight will be added into English, Maths or Languages, depending on the year group, as below:

Year Group	Extra Lesson 1	Extra Lesson 2
7	Maths	Languages
8	English	Languages
9	English	Maths
10	English	Maths
11	English	Maths

We see this as strengthening our curriculum provision and our central vision that every student leaves QPHS with a quality grounding in English and Maths with the numeracy and literacy skills to carry them into later life and a successful career.

Also, to allow for an improved break and lunch provision, we are extending both break and lunch by 5 minutes each. Meaning school will finish at 3.10pm every day.

The school day will follow the timings below:

Time	Activity
8.40am – 9.05am	Set Up/Tutor
9.05am – 10.05am	Lesson 1
10.05am – 11.05am	Lesson 2
11.05am – 11.25am	Break
11.25am – 12.25pm	Lesson 3
12.25pm – 1.10pm	Lunch
1.10pm – 2.10pm	Lesson 4
2.10pm – 3.10pm	Lesson 5

We understand that any changes to the school week can have a significant impact on families, and we are committed to working closely with our community to address any concerns or challenges that may arise. We are currently in consultation with the providers of our enrichment programme on a Tuesday afternoon - more information will follow when plans are finalised.

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If you wish to discuss the matter, please request a call back on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/73TyWGOjvc>

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration as we navigate these important decisions together. We are confident that by working together as a community, we can create a school environment that continues to enhance academic success and well-being of all our students.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher

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