

04 April 2018

Dear Families,

Firstly can I wish you a well deserved spring break and I hope you all rest up and get ready for the summer term, returning back on the 17th of April.

As well as wishing you all a lovely break, this is an important letter that I would really appreciate your feedback on. Please find a proposed plan for a new school weekly structure beginning in September 2018.

Proposed WHS weekly structure - From Sept 2018

	Monday (Ends 3.40 pm)	Tuesday (Ends 3.40 pm)	Wednesday (Ends 1.50 pm)	Thursday (Ends 3.40 pm)	Friday (Ends 2.40 pm)
P6		Enrichment/ Intervention/ Coaching/ Prep time.	SLT/ ESLT. Staff planning time.	Enrichment/ Intervention/ Coaching/ Prep time.	School ends 2.40 pm.
P5/ PM reg			Staff PD/Dept/Pastoral meeting rotation.		
Lunch 1pm-1.40pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch available post full assembly (15mins)	Lunch	Lunch
P4			Themed/ Project based learning opportunity(7 and/ or 8)+ University link opportunity.		
P3			Themed/ Project based learning opportunity. (7 and/or 8)+ University link opportunity.		
Break 15 mins	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
P2					
P1					
AM reg/ Tutor time. School still begins 8.30am.				House Assembly	House Assembly

Key facts and features of the new proposed weekly model.

- The school day continues to begin at 8.30 am.
- The school day will end at 3.40 pm on Monday and Thursday with a 2.40pm finish after period 5 on Fridays.
- The lesson length will remain one hour.
- Lessons will be timetabled as singles or doubles dependant on the needs of individual subjects.
- There will be no formal pm registration time. This will be replaced by the Period 5 register.
- House assemblies will remain on Thursday and Friday mornings but Full School assembly will be held at the end of period 4 on Wednesdays meaning that at parental discretion that students can leave school at 1.15pm on Wednesdays.
- Themed Learning lessons will now be timetabled for Years 7 and 8 on Wednesday mornings these lessons will begin with expert presentations shared by a group of staff then followed up by students working in project focused groups. This approach in conjunction with a commitment to one to one coaching for students has proved highly successful in other schools. Assessments of learner progress in this new approach will take place at the end of the project in the form of formal group presentations.
- Period 6 on Tuesdays and Thursdays there will be Enrichment lessons which will include the best most popular Enrichment opportunities for previous years, A wide range of intervention opportunities for Key Stage 4 learners, Prep Time, Homework club and the new targeted 1 -1 coaching programme provided by the new WHS Coaching Team.

As you can see the new weekly structure means that we have a generally earlier finish during the week which takes ensures that majority of their learning happens earlier in the day when their minds are fresher. The greatest advantage of the new structure is that we can introduce targeted time to focus on key stage 3 students and ensure that we build their communication, independent learning skills and resilience ready for the more challenging years ahead.

Wednesday afternoon is a time when students will be available to leave on your permission but will be challenged to complete their homework or revision or work on their project based learning with their peers. Another important feature is that PM registration is currently carried out at the end of the school day which will now be used as additional learning time during the school day. University partners the school is working very hard to connect to will also be available to support Wednesday's new style of learning for Key Stage 3.

Please note that no dip or lack of focus will occur with regard to the highest standard of education delivered here at Wapping High School. As you know Wapping High School's English and Maths was the best in Tower Hamlets and we will continue to do all we can to deliver that performance.

The new weekly structure here will make the school more efficient, successful and more popular with families from our community. Please can you let me have any feedback you feel you would like to share with me to ensure that we make the right decisions together for the best, for all involved.

Please contact me directly on headteacher@wappinghighschool.org or call 020 3597 3670.

Kind regards,



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