



## WENTWORTH HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

In order to provide pupils with the opportunity to further enrich their education from the start of next term preferably or by October half term latest we wish to change the finishing time at the end of the school day on **Wednesdays only to 2.20**. This will give us an opportunity to allow pupils to become involved in extension activities or independent learning which we cannot do at the moment due to lack of time on the timetable. Many of our pupils wish to undertake volunteering or community /citizenship activities but they are currently unable to develop these skills within the curriculum. Work experience may also be an option for older pupils. Please note that even with the change in school times the school will still comply with the statutory guidelines regarding teaching time. In addition to this we have 30 minutes per day for form activities/assemblies, this is a significant amount of time which we rightly devote to personal development and community cohesion activities.

Independent learning is the key to future success and we wish to foster this skill in all our pupils so that they become lifelong learners. For Key Stage 4 students this will also offer valuable study time for coursework and exam preparation to occur on an individual or small group basis.

Colleagues will also be able to use this time to plan more effectively and to work together. This will result in better teaching and thus improve the outcomes for your child in all aspects of school life.

In order to make this change we are required to consult with all stakeholders and give notice of our intent to alter the timings of the school day. Parents/carers are therefore invited to make your views known to the Interim Executive Board either by letter to the school, addressed for the attention of the Chair, or in person at a consultation meeting to be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 4 pm at school.

If you do wish to attend in person please let the school office know by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Many thanks for your support.

Hazel Harding  
Chair of the Interim Executive Board  
Wentworth High School

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