



The Noel-Baker Academy wishes to consult with pupils, parents, staff and other stakeholders regarding a proposed change to the academy day.

Currently, pupils attend the academy between 8.45am and 3.10pm Monday to Thursday with an earlier finish on a Friday. It is proposed to change the timings of the academy day on Fridays to bring them into line with the rest of the week. The negative impact on learning of an early finish on a Friday is significant, with lost learning time across an academic year equating to a full time working week.

In addition, it is also proposed to shorten lessons to 50 minutes so that there are six periods in each academy day. The intended impact is that lessons will be more focused and learning will be more positively influenced, promoting more effective pupil outcomes. This has been discussed at length with the newly appointed substantive Headteacher, who fully supports this measure in order to improve the educational offer to all pupils at the Noel-Baker Academy.

It is proposed that the academy day follows this suggested pattern, effective 1 September 2017:

5 minute warning bell	8.40am
AM registration/assembly	8.45am – 9.00am
Period 1	9.00am – 9.50am
Period 2	9.50am – 10.40am
Break	10.40am – 10.55am
Period 3	10.55am – 11.45am
Period 4	11.45am – 12.35pm
Lunch	12.35pm - 1.25pm
Period 5	1.25pm – 2.20pm
Period 6	2.20pm – 3.10pm
Academy Day ends	3.10pm

The consultation will run between Friday 17 March and Friday 31 March to allow all interested parties to voice their opinions. Should you wish to contact the academy in relation to this matter please do so, where possible, by email to Neelam Sharma at [neelamsharma@noel-baker.derby.sch.uk](mailto:neelamsharma@noel-baker.derby.sch.uk)