



24th April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Consultation on proposed changes to times of the school day from September 2018

As you will be aware, in September 2018 Beacon Hill is launching our new curriculum - LLMAC. The Local Labour Market Aligned Curriculum is a high quality learning package available to next year's Year 9 students that combines technical programmes alongside core study of traditional GCSEs, with support from other professional providers including Lakes College and industry partners. The curriculum reflects the local economy and offers routes into employment, and we have worked closely with partners including Sellafield, Forth Engineering, the NHS, Costain, Iggesund, the University of Lancaster and Atkins amongst others to make sure we have designed quality provision which will give our students the best opportunities when they leave Beacon Hill. We are also rolling out the current successful collaboration with Solway Community School which allows students to follow additional option subjects at their site.

In order to allow students to access this curriculum, and to make logistics of travelling between sites more effective and efficient, we plan to change the times of the school day. We propose to move to a model of seven lessons, and a slightly later finish time of 1525. Students will now have seven 45 minute lessons per day. This will allow our industry partners the flexibility they need to deliver what promises to be an exciting diet of activities to the students.

School staff are very positive about this proposal and believe it will benefit not only the students following LLMAC but also other year groups in school through the provision of flexible sessions and ways of working.

The process of consultation will run for six weeks from April 23rd 2018. If you would like to give feedback on these proposed changes please contact the school by letter or email by June 1st 2018 with any questions or concerns. Governors will then take into account feedback before making a decision in June. We will then inform all stakeholders of any changes.

Please find there is no proposed time change for the start of the school day.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors

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