



9 March 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Results of Recent Consultations with Stakeholders

As you will be aware, we recently entered into consultations with parents and carers, pupils, members of staff and governors. Everyone was invited to give their views on the proposal to extend the school day on a Friday, from the start of the 2015-16 academic year. We also asked your views on the current school uniform and whether you felt that we should make uniform changes as we become an 11-16 school.

At the end of the consultation period, the results were discussed by the governing body and I am now able to report back to you on the decisions that have been made. We had over 500 responses to the consultations from the following stakeholders:

Respondent	Percentage of replies
Parent/carer	60.7%
Pupil	33.3%
Member of staff	1.6%
Governor	0.6%
Other	3.3%
No answer	0.6%

Extension of the School Day

The proposal for this consultation was that the school day should be extended on Fridays (academic year 2015-16 onwards) from 2.20 pm to 3.10 pm. The results are as follows:

Response	Percentage response
Agree	71.5%
Disagree	28.1%
No answer	0.4%

The governing body discussed its views on the extension of the school day on Fridays, alongside the results of the consultation, and unanimously decided to support the proposal. Consequently, from the start of the next academic year, school will close for pupils on a Friday at 3.10 pm. As a result, school buses will pick up pupils on a Friday between 3.10 pm and 3.20 pm, as they already do from Monday to Thursday.

School Uniform

There was no proposal for this consultation, but stakeholders were given three options to choose between. The results of this consultation were as follows:

Option	Percentage response
A formal uniform is introduced with a blazer and tie	14.2%
Uniform does not change and stays as it currently is from Y7-11	49.0%
Uniform stays as it is for Y7-9, with a different uniform for Y10-11	25.0%
Other	11.5%
No answer	0.3%



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With the views of stakeholders taken into consideration, the governing body also discussed the potential for changes to the school uniform. Again, it unanimously agreed to support the results of the consultation. Therefore, the school uniform will remain unchanged at the start of the next academic year, although we will take the opportunity to provide more precise details to parents on some items of school uniform.

PE Uniform

45% of respondents took the opportunity to offer a comment on the current PE uniform. These covered a wide variety of views, which were taken into consideration by the governing body. The governors decided that the wearing of red shorts by older girls should be discussed within the school, leading to an alternative which will be communicated to parents and carers shortly.

Make-up

The proposal for this consultation was that pupils from Year 9 to Year 11 should be allowed to wear discrete make-up. The results are as follows:

Response	Percentage response
Agree	66.2%
Disagree	20.0%
No Answer	13.8%

The governing body took the views of stakeholders into consideration and agreed to support this proposal, and Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 pupils will be allowed to wear discrete make-up from the start of the next academic year. A definition of 'discrete' will be drawn up by the school and parents and carers will be informed about this shortly.

Thank you to everyone that took the opportunity to respond to the consultations and I hope that this letter provides you with the information that you require at this stage. We will, of course, remind you about next year's school uniform requirements and the timings of the school day, as we approach the end of this academic year.

Yours sincerely



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Principal