

05 April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Proposed change to the school day

Following feedback from students and staff regarding the length of the school day at Energy Coast UTC, I write to inform you of some proposed changes to the day from September 2023. It is intended that the proposed changes will support student and staff wellbeing and mental health, while also facilitating the opportunity for students to engage in a wider range of extra-curricular opportunities- both within and outside of school. The proposed changes are in line with and follow the expected offer outlined in the Government’s White Paper.

The current school day and proposed times are as follows:

Current school day model: 08:30- 16:00			Proposed school day changes: 08:30- 15:30		
Monday to Thursday 08:30- 16:00	Form	08:30- 08:40	Monday to Thursday 08:30- 15:30	Form	08:30- 08:35
	Period 1	08:40- 09:30		Period 1	08:35- 09:25
	Period 2	09:30- 10:20		Period 2	09:25- 10:15
	Break 10:20- 10:35			Break 10:15- 10:30	
	Period 3	10:35- 11:25		Period 3	10:30- 11:20
	Period 4	11:25- 12:15		Period 4	11:20- 12:10
	Lunch/Form 12:15- 13:15			Transition Break 12:10- 12:15	
	Period 5	13:15- 14:05		Period 5	12:15- 13:05
	Period 6	14:05- 14:55		Lunch/Form 13:05- 13:50	
	Break 14:55- 15:10			Period 6	13:50- 14:40
	Period 7	15:10- 16:00		Period 7	14:40- 15:30
End of school day (16:00)			End of school day (15:30)		
Friday	Form	08:30- 08:40	Friday	Form	08:30- 08:35
	Period 1	08:40- 09:30		Period 1	08:35- 09:25
	Period 2	09:30- 10:20		Period 2	09:25- 10:15
	Break 10:20- 10:35			Break 10:15- 10:30	
	Period 3	10:35- 11:25		Period 3	10:30- 11:20
	Period 4	11:25- 12:15		Period 4	11:20- 12:10
	Lunch/ Form 12:15- 13:15			Lunch/ Form 12:10- 13:00	
	End of school day (13:15)			End of school day (13:00)	

Summary of changes

Time of the day

- School will begin at 08:30 and finish at 15:30 (Monday to Thursday) and 08:30 to 13:00 on Friday.

Curriculum

- Changes to the structure of the day are minimal with **no impact** upon the education that our students receive. **Students will continue to have 32 lessons a week** with the same lesson allocation across all subjects as they currently receive- there are no changes.
- AM registration will be reduced to 5-minutes which will be used to complete tutor checks for uniform and equipment, alongside registration of students at the start of the school day.
- PM form time will be reduced to 15-minutes each day. Students will continue to engage in their personal development activities in addition to their timetabled 'Personal Development' and 'Employability' lessons, alongside reading, literacy and numeracy interventions.

Social time

- Students will continue to have a 15-minute morning break and 30-minute lunch.
- The proposed model takes away the final 15-minute afternoon breaktime, reducing this to a 5-minute transition break earlier in the day to facilitate the opportunity for students to have a quick break in their learning between period 4 and 5, Monday-Thursday.

We appreciate that these proposed changes may affect you and would like to invite any feedback regarding the changes from students, parents and the local community. If you have any feedback on the proposal, please email this to enquiries@energycoastutc.co.uk by Friday 28th April 2023.

Yours faithfully,



Kerryann Wilson
Acting Principal