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Dear Parents/Carers,

## School Day Proposal for 2025/26

I am writing to consult you on some proposed changes to the school day and holiday pattern for September 2025 onwards. Please could you discuss these as a family at home and if you have any feedback, please let us know.

We would like to increase our contact hours with students in the Academy to continue our strong improvement journey. Whilst we were delighted to be awarded an Ofsted good in June 2024, we are not complacent and want to continue to improve. We really feel these changes will support this ambition.

We would like to keep Year 7, 8 and 9 fairly similar to our current structure, although you will note a slight difference in the start and end times to the day.

We are proposing that the whole school start at the same time of 8.20am. This is a change from the current Year 7,8 and 9 starting at 8.15am and Year 10 and 11 starting at 8.35am.

This change will allow us to add a traditional form time for Year 10 and 11 and allow us to check standards, homework and attendance as well as other opportunities for personal development. All year groups will still have a form in the middle of the day along with our split lunch model. This will facilitate reading for Year 7 and 8, a Midday meet for Year 9 and the potential for masterclasses in Year 10 and 11.

We would like to add a 26th period to the timetable for Year 10 and Year 11 only on a Monday night. This would allow us to increase curriculum time in Year 10 Science and Year 11 English to support the outcomes in these subjects which are both worth 2 GCSEs. The time we give to these subjects would bring us in line with other schools and academies. By adding a 26th period we do not need to cut any other subject area.

In Year 11 we would additionally like to add two Period 6 intervention slots that all students must attend. These will rotate approximately every 6 weeks. These will take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday after school. This matches the model that we currently run of 2 lots of Period 6 for Year 11.

These changes, if agreed, would take Year 10 learning time up by 50 minutes a week and Year 11 time would significantly increase by 2.5hrs per week above the recommended 32.5 hours a week.

Proposed Academy week timings from September 2025 onwards:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Family Time	8.20-8.40am	8.20-8.40am	8.20-8.40am	8.20-8.40am	
Period 1	8.40-9.40am	8.40-9.40am	8.40-9.40am	8.40-9.30am	8.20-9.15am
Period 2	9.40-10.40am	9.40-10.40am	9.40-10.40am	9.30-10.20am	9.15-10.10am
Break	10.40-11.00am	10.40-11.00am	10.40-11.00am	10.20-10.40am	10.10-10.30am
Period 3	11.00-12.00pm	11.00-12.00pm	11.00-12.00pm	10.40-11.30am	10.30-11.25am
Period 4	12.00-1.00pm	12.00-1.00pm	12.00-1.00pm	11.30-12.20pm	11.25-12.20pm
Lunch1/ Family time1	1.00-1.35pm	1.00-1.35pm	1.00-1.35pm	12.20-12.55pm	12.20-12.53pm
Lunch2/ Family Time2	1.35-2.10pm	1.35-2.10pm	1.35-2.10pm	12.55-1.30pm	12.53-1.25pm
Period 5	2.10-3.10pm	2.10-3.10pm	2.10-3.10pm	1.30-2.20pm	1.25pm-2.20pm

Period 6	3.10-4.00pm  26th Period Year 11 in English  Year 10 in Science	3.10-4.00pm  Year 11 intervention rotation	3.10-4.00pm  Year 11 intervention rotation	Staff CPD  2.20-4.00pm	
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School year proposal: alteration to add 3 days to October half term dates.

We are very aware that the holiday dates for 2025/26 have already been published and we are not looking to change any holiday dates that we have committed to already. However, we are looking to add 3 days of holiday to the October half term. We are proposing that Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October 2025 now become holidays. This will allow any families wishing to take advantage of cheaper holidays a chance to do so in the late season.

If this proposal is agreed the holiday dates would become: (All dates the same as previous publication except the addition to October half term. This will not affect any plans already made)

PROPOSED HOLIDAY AND TERM TIMES 2025/2026

<b>Staff Training</b>	<b>Monday 1 September 2025</b>
<b>Autumn Term begins</b>	<b>Tuesday 2 September 2025</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Friday 17 October 2025</b>
<b>Autumn Half Term holiday</b>	<b>Monday 20 October to Friday 31 October 2025</b>
<b>School returns</b>	<b>Monday 3 November 2025</b>
<b>Staff Training</b>	<b>Monday 10 November 2025</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Friday 19 December 2025</b>
<b>Christmas holiday</b>	<b>Monday 22 December 2025 to Friday 2 January 26</b>
<b>School returns</b>	<b>Monday 5 January 2026</b>
<b>Staff Training</b>	<b>Friday 23 January 2026</b>
<b>Last day of term*</b>	<b>Wed 11 February 2026</b>
<b>Spring Half Term holiday</b>	<b>Thursday 12 February to Friday 20 February 2026</b>
<b>School returns</b>	<b>Monday 23 February 2026</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Friday 27 March 2026</b>
<b>Easter holiday</b>	<b>Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April 2026</b>
<b>School returns</b>	<b>Monday 13 April 2026</b>
<b>May Day</b>	<b>Monday 4 May 2026</b>
<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>Friday 22 May 2026</b>
<b>Summer Half Term holiday</b>	<b>Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026</b>
<b>School returns</b>	<b>Monday 1 June 2026</b>
<b>Summer closes</b>	<b>Friday 17 July 2026</b>

**Staff Training**

**Monday 20 July 2026**

**The Academy is closed to pupils on Staff Training days**

**Staff Training Days:**

**Monday 1 September 2025**

**Thursday 23 and 24 October 2025**

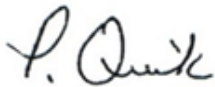
**Monday 10 November 2025**

**Friday 23 January 2026**

**Monday 20 July 2026**

If you have any views on the proposed changes could I please ask that you email info@coopfailsworth.co.uk and please add a title to your email: School day changes. Can I please have all feedback by Thursday 3rd April 10am.

Yours sincerely,



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