

Proposed changes to the school day from 1 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

I write to share some proposed changes to the structure of the academy day at Co-op Academy Priesthorpe.

In summary,

- **The start of the school day will not change.** Students will still need to arrive at school by 8:25am as they do now, ready for a prompt 8:30am start to lessons on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. On a Tuesday and Thursday they should arrive at 8.55am for a prompt 9.00am start to lessons.
- **The school day will end at 3:20pm each day**, with optional enrichment activities ending at 4:15pm. Further details about the enrichment offer will be communicated in September.

Should the changes be approved, they will be **effective from 1 September 2025**.

This change would mean more regular contact with subject staff, supporting strong progress for all of our students.

In summary, the benefits for our students would be:

6 lessons per day and coaching three times a week. Lessons would be slightly shorter and would now be **55 minutes** long.

The change would add extra time to the curriculum hours, which, as an academy, allows us to consider how we might best use that time. Our intention is to add an additional week of holiday to the October half term, making it a **two week half term**. This will ensure that our holidays will always be in line with both Leeds and Bradford authority.

Adding additional time into the curriculum will enable more time for core and option lessons at KS4 as well as including 4 lessons of PE, rather than the 2 lessons we currently offer. We will also include separate PSHCE and RE lessons at KS4.

At KS3 we will add more lessons into core subjects and languages to make sure our students have the best support to ensure strong progress. KS3 lessons already have 4 lessons of PE.



How the school day might look: Please note this is an example only and may be subject to further changes following consultation.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday			Tuesday & Thursday	
	KS3	KS4	KS3	KS4
8.30-9.00	Student Coaching	Student Coaching	Staff Training Students start at 9am	
9.00-9.55	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1
9.55-11.10	Lesson 2	Break 9.55-10.15	Lesson 2	Break 9.55-10.15
	Break 10.50-11.10	Lesson 2		Lesson 2
				Break 9.50-11.10
11.10-12.05	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3
12.05-1.30	Lesson 4	Lunch 12.05-12.35	Lesson 4	Lunch 12.05-12.35
	Lunch 1.00-1.30	Lesson 4		Lesson 4
				Lunch 1.00-1.30
1.30-2.25	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5
2.25-3.20	Lesson 6	Lesson 6	Lesson 6	Lesson 6

The information in this letter has also been shared with staff, students, The Trust and our wider partners, including The Specialist Inclusive Learning Centre. We will work together so that there is minimal disruption and any changes to school transport will be communicated to you as soon as we receive them.

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We appreciate that these changes may affect you, in terms of childcare or working arrangements. For this reason, I would like to invite you to give your feedback by completing a short form which can be found [here](#). Responses should be submitted/returned to the school by Tuesday 1st April, 2025.

We will share the results of the consultation by Friday 2nd May, 2025.

Yours faithfully,

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