

Timing of the school day for September 2012 – for formal consultation

	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	1.00	2.00	3.00
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6th form 9.30 – 3.15

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KS4 8.30 – 2.45

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KS3 8.30-2.45

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Wednesday Week 1

KS4 9.30 – 3.45

Meetings	T	1	B	2	3	L	4	5
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KS3 9.30 – 3.45

Meetings	T	1	B	2	L	3	4	5
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Wednesday Week 2

KS4 9.30 – 3.45

T	Challenge Wednesday – extended learning day							
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KS3 9.30 – 3.45

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Wednesday week 1

- Parent teacher meetings can be booked by parents or teachers in the 8.30 – 9.30 slot

Wednesday week 2

- Challenge Wednesday – extended learning day
- Faculty and theme based learning.

Sixth Form

- 6th form lessons start at 9.30 in Newmarket.
- A bus will leave Newmarket at 8.30 every day for 6th form lessons at Mildenhall.
- 6th form period 5 is 90 minutes long
- Each 6th form subject will have one 2 hour session and one 2 ½ hour session a week. So total teaching time will be 9 hours per fortnight.
- Each session could be divided into two lessons if teaching is shared.
- Transport at start and end of day and at lunchtime.
- Each 6th form subject will have one morning and one afternoon session per week.

Key Stage 3 and Key stage 4

- All lessons are 60 minutes long.
- 20 minute tutor time, 20 minute break, 35 minute lunchtimes
- Tutor time after period 1 (9.30 – 9.50)
- Wednesdays start at 9.30
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday start at 8.30
- Monday and Friday finish at 2.45
- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday finish at 3.45

Period 6

- A formal 60 minute period 6 at the end of the day on Tuesday and / or Thursday
- There will be options for extracurricular and enrichment activities or study support
- Students will have one or two period 6s on their timetable

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The governing body of Newmarket College wish to consult on proposed changes to the school day from September 2012. The main proposals are outlined in diagrams over leaf.

The principal features of the proposed timetable.

1. The overall times of the school day will be

	Sixth Form lessons at NC	Key stage 3 & Key stage 4
Monday	9.30 – 3.15	8.30 – 2.45
Tuesday	9.30 – 3.15	8.30 – 3.45
Wednesday	9.30 – 3.15	9.30 – 3.45
Thursday	9.30 – 3.15	8.30 – 3.45
Friday	9.30 – 3.15	8.30 – 2.45

2. Sixth Form teaching will start at Newmarket College at 9.30 and finish at 3.15. For some of their time students may opt for subjects taught at Mildenhall College. For each subject taught at Mildenhall there will be a morning session starting at 9.00. We will provide transport leaving Newmarket at 8.30 every morning for students with Mildenhall lessons. Similarly, there will be transport provided at lunchtime for subject changeover and at the end of the day at 2.55 in Mildenhall a bus will return students to Newmarket.
3. On Tuesday and / or Thursday there will be a period 6 for KS3 and KS4. This will be a timetabled lesson of 60 minutes. This will be for extracurricular activities, enrichment and study support. The question is whether students will have to attend one or other of the sessions or whether they will need to choose options on both days. Dependant on this decision a student's school day may finish at 2.45 on Tuesday or Thursday.
4. On Wednesdays the school day will start at 9.30 and finish at 3.45, except for sixth form students.
 - a. In week 1 there will be an hour from 8.30 – 9.30 for meetings between parents, students and teachers. These meetings can be booked by parents or teachers. The meetings will replace formal parents' evenings.
 - b. In week 2 there will be Challenge Wednesday extended learning days for all except the sixth form. These will be faculty or theme based. If the day involves a trip or visit students may need to meet before 9.30

The proposed timings are illustrated overleaf

Response to the consultation:

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
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1	I am happy with the proposed overall timings of the school day				
2	I accept that the start and finish times will vary during the week and for the sixth form				
3	Students should have 1 timetabled enrichment lesson (period 6 on Tuesday or Thursday)				
4	Students should have 2 timetabled enrichment lesson (period 6 on Tuesday and Thursday)				
5	I would like the opportunity to make appointments with teachers 8.30 – 9.30 on Wednesday week 1				
6	I accept that this appointment process would replace formal parents evenings once a year				

Any further comments:

Student (please give your year)

Parent (please give the year (s) of your children)

Member of staff

Governor

Other (please specify)

Please indicate if you are a:

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NEWMARKET COLLEGE

28th April 2011

Dear Stakeholder,

I would like to ask you to consider and respond to a Formal Consultation on the timings and structure of the school day for Newmarket College from September 2012. As I am sure you are aware this is when we become an 11-18 College with Years 7-13 on roll.

This is an exciting time for us, we plan the vision, curriculum and staffing of our new school. The proposals for the timing and structure of the school day are a consequence of the planning that we have been doing to ensure a dynamic, meaningful and appropriate curriculum for the young people of Newmarket. Significant factors that we have considered in making these proposals have been:

- We have needed to ensure that delivery of Sixth Form lessons in partnership with Mildenhall College can be run efficiently and fairly. To maintain Post 16 education at Newmarket College we have to make this work.
- We believe in the importance of learning beyond the traditional bounds of classroom and subject. The Challenge Wednesday concept has been agreed and developed to provide opportunities for extended learning through faculties and themes.
- We are exploring ways of making parent teacher contact and conversations easier, more regular and more focussed.

There will be a meeting at the College at 6.30 p.m. on May 24th for parents and all stakeholders. **Please complete the tear off slip below if you are able to attend this.** The proposals will be outlined and explained. There will be an opportunity to discuss and feedback on concerns and issues that might arise from the proposals. Minutes of the meeting will be included in the feedback to the governing body of the College when they consider the proposals.

If you cannot attend this meeting, please take the time to study the proposals and to complete the response to the consultation overleaf.

All responses to the consultation need to be returned to the College Reception by Friday 27th May. The Full Governing Body will consider the proposals and the responses to the consultation on June 10th. I will write to you to communicate any decisions taken.

Yours sincerely

Dr R Cadwalladr

Principal



I will be attending the Stakeholder Meeting on Tuesday 24th May at 6.30pm

Name:

Date:

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