

HEAD TEACHER'S EDUCATION BULLETIN

March - 2026



THE SCHOOL'S ENRICHMENT OFFER CHANGE TO SCHOOL DAY CONSULTATION UPDATE

Part of the proposal to offer more enrichment to students in the middle of the day involves a proposal to extend lunch time, and so the school day, by 15 minutes. The initial proposal was to run the school day from 8:45 AM to 3:30 PM. Following consultation with staff this moved to 8:40 AM to 3:25 PM:

Current Model	Timing
Lesson 1	8:50 AM
Movement	9:40 AM
Lesson 2	9:45 AM
Break	10:35 AM
Movement	10:50 AM
Lesson 3	10:55 AM
Movement	11:45 AM
Lesson 4	11:50 AM
Tutorial/Lunch 1	12:40 PM
Lunch 2	1:00 PM
Tutorial 2	1:15 PM
End lunch 2	1:30 PM
Lesson 5	1:35 PM
Movement	2:25 PM
Lesson 6	2:30 PM
End	3:20 PM

Initial Proposal	Timing
Lesson 1	8:45 AM
Movement	9:35 AM
Lesson 2	9:40 AM
Break	10:30 AM
Movement	10:45 AM
Lesson 3	10:50 AM
Movement	11:40 AM
Lesson 4	11:45 AM
Tutorial/Lunch 1	12:35 PM
Lunch 2	12:55 PM
Tutorial 2	1:25 PM
End lunch 2	1:40 PM
Lesson 5	1:45 PM
Movement	2:35 PM
Lesson 6	2:40 PM
End	3:30 PM

Staff Proposal	Timing
Lesson 1	8:40 AM
Movement	9:30 AM
Lesson 2	9:35 AM
Break	10:25 AM
Movement	10:40 AM
Lesson 3	10:45 AM
Movement	11:35 AM
Lesson 4	11:40 AM
Tutorial/Lunch 1	12:30 PM
Lunch 2	12:50 PM
Tutorial 2	1:20 PM
End lunch 2	1:35 PM
Lesson 5	1:40 PM
Movement	2:30 PM
Lesson 6	2:35 PM
End	3:25 PM

However, at our public consultation meeting on Wednesday 18th March discussion with Bewdley Primary School, our neighbours, made it clear that starting this early could create traffic problems, as their start to the day runs from 8:20 AM to 8:40 AM.

We are therefore reverting back to our original proposal of 8:45 AM to 3:30 PM

You can respond to our public consultation [open 27/2/26 – 29/5/26] by clicking [here](#).

OUR PROPOSED ENRICHMENT OFFER

Following consultation with our staff and students, the following table gives some idea of what we hope our enrichment offer will look like:

Discover Crafts	Discover Performing
Colouring therapy Cooking Crochet Felt making Fishing Knitting Mythical Creatures Origami Photography Technology Tie Dye	Cheerleading Choir Dance Debating DJ club Drama Keyboard club Poetry Studio club – live lounge/open mic Ukelele club
Discover Exploration	Discover Research
Canoeing Duke of Edinburgh Environment Walking/Hiking Rowing Running	Art/Sculpture Book Club/reading Enterprise Film Fossils History (Horrible Histories) Science (CREST)
Discover Games	Discover Sports
Board games Card games Chess Geo Cache Modern computer gaming Puzzles Retro computer gaming Robot club Team Building Warhammer	Archery Badminton Basketball Dodgeball Football Mountain biking Netball Table Tennis Tennis Trampolining Rugby

We will be designing this offer in earnest throughout the summer term, with the lists above representing the suggestions made by our staff and students. This is not the final 'offer' and I am sure there will be many changes. Hopefully it gives a flavour of what we hope to achieve.

The charitable 'objects' of The Discovery Society charity are to support children in gaining experience of **exploration** and **research**. The other proposed activities fall neatly into categories of **crafts**, **performing**, **games** and **sports**. We plan for students to be able to achieve **bronze**, **silver** and **gold** awards in each of these 6 categories as part of the 'Discover Programme'.



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THE 'EXAMS' SEASON

We understand that external examinations for our year 11 and 13 students is a particularly challenging time of year. Performing well in exams is the culmination of years of preparation. Whilst this is quite naturally a stressful time for everyone, this stress can be managed and minimised with careful step-by-step planning:

1. Create a structured plan which timetables active revision, exam question practice and rest
2. Parents can help by providing routine, encouragement and a supportive study environment
3. Effective revision includes using past papers, active recall with spaced repetition for retention
4. Parents can also help by ensuring rest periods provide a real break from thinking about study

Whilst early preparation is always best, its never too late and Easter is an ideal start time for those who do not have well structured plans in place already.

SCHOOL CULTURE

There are several changes planned in the coming months:

- Transition to a phone free school over the summer
- A more relaxed school uniform from September onwards
- The changes to enrichment mentioned earlier in this bulletin
- Installation of a 'Tannoy' system which can also play music

The building of a new reception area and 'single point of entry', together with our public announcement system will make the school a safer place. However, our main aim is to bring about cultural development to make our school an even calmer and more purposeful place of learning, for the benefit of our whole school community.

