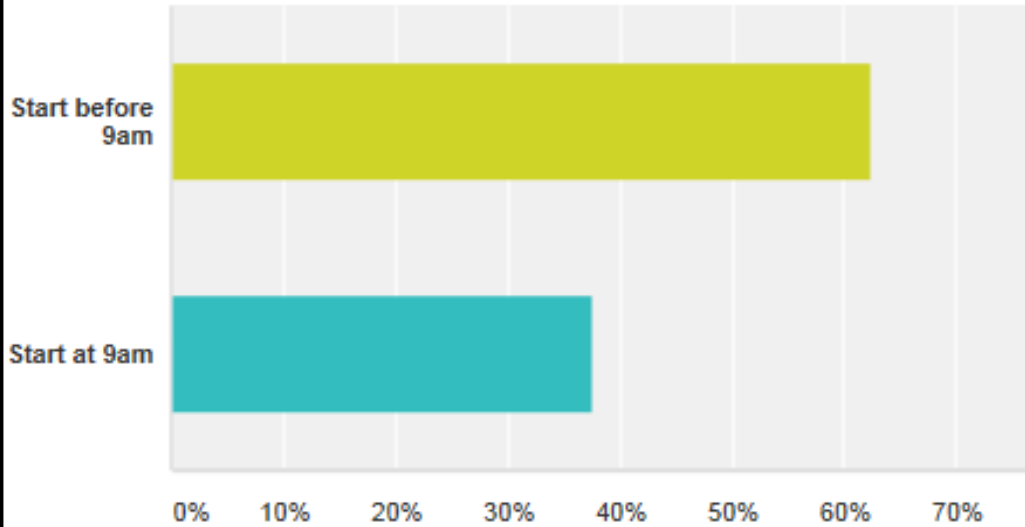


Curriculum Review 2016-2017

- Circular Letter 24/2016 from the DES is the guiding document for the review. Some of the main points are outlined below:
 - Maximum of 10 subjects for assessment purposes
 - Minimum 40 minute periods
 - 43 periods to 41 periods
 - Class Tutor arrangements to be considered – can count as the 42nd period
 - 3 Curriculum Options (School A, B and C) – teaching staff polled
 - NCCA Core subjects require a minimum of 240 hours teaching – 4 periods a week over 3 years
 - Optional subjects require a minimum of 200 hours teaching – 3 periods per week over 3 years
 - New area of learning ‘Wellbeing’ introduced from 2017 must be studied (in excess of 300 hours)

Staff

Q1. when should the school day start?

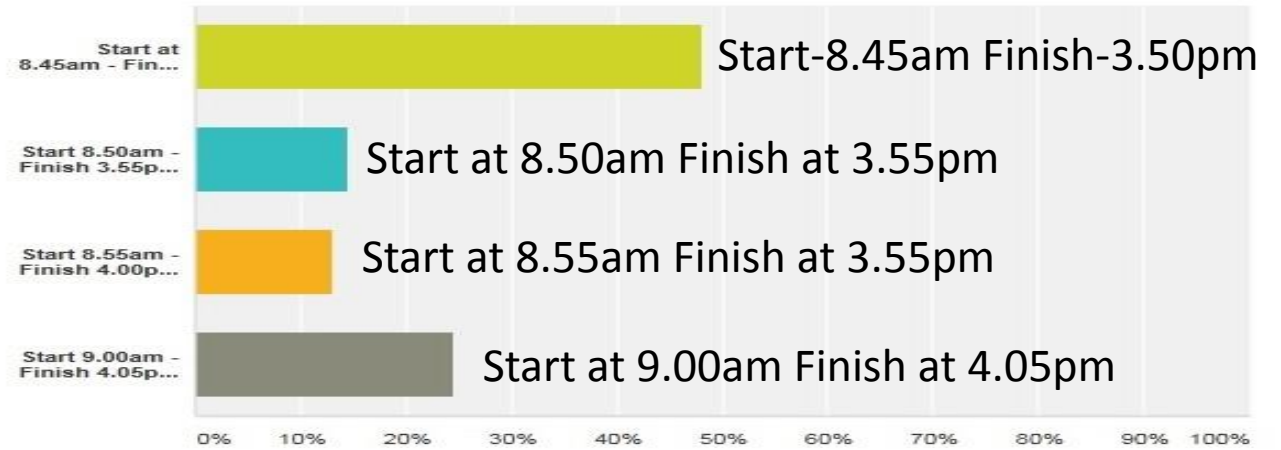


Answer Choices	Responses
Start before 9am	62.50% 30
Start at 9am	37.50% 18
Total	48

Parents/Students

Please indicate your preferred start and finish time for the school day. The school day currently starts at 9:00am and finishes at 3:45 (Half Day Finish 1:45pm)

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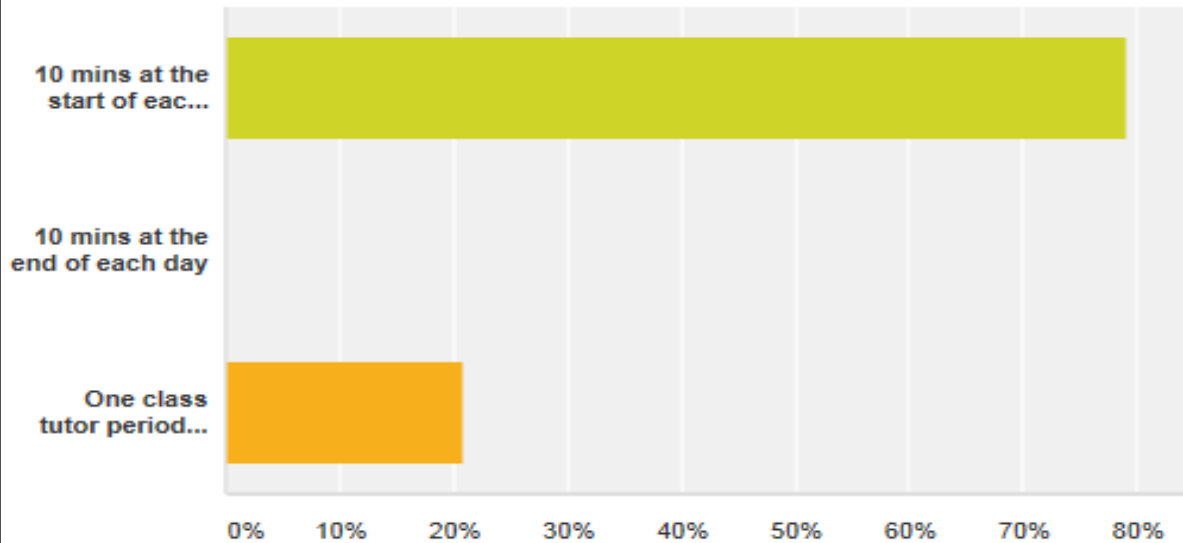
Answer Choices	Responses
Start at 8.45am - Finish at 3.50pm (Half day finish 1.10pm)	48.09% 63
Start 8.50am - Finish 3.55pm - (Half day finish 1.15pm)	14.50% 19
Start 8.55am - Finish 4.00pm - (Half day finish 1.20pm)	12.98% 17
Start 9.00am - Finish 4.05pm - (Half day finish 1.25pm)	24.43% 32
Total	131

Proposal - Daily Start and Finish

- Start at 8.50am Finish at 3.55pm
 - Wednesday – 1:15pm
 - Friday – 3:15pm
- Problem with buses arriving on time for 8:45 am start requires a 3:50 start

Staff

Q2.What is the best option for tutor time?

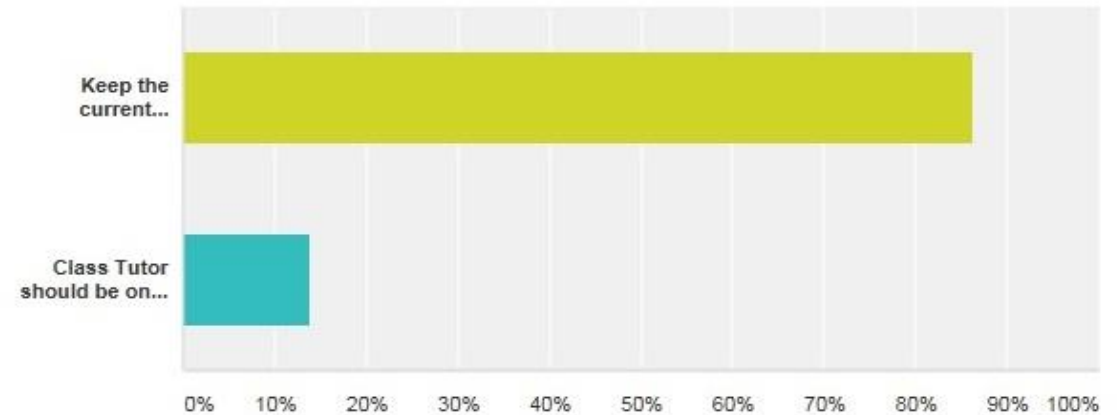


Answer Choices	Responses
10 mins at the start of each day	79.17% 38
10 mins at the end of each day	0.00% 0
One class tutor period per week	20.83% 10
Total	48

Parents/Students

Please indicate your preference for the provision of Class Tutor period. At present, Class Tutor/Assembly period is 10 minutes duration on each of the 5 days in the week.

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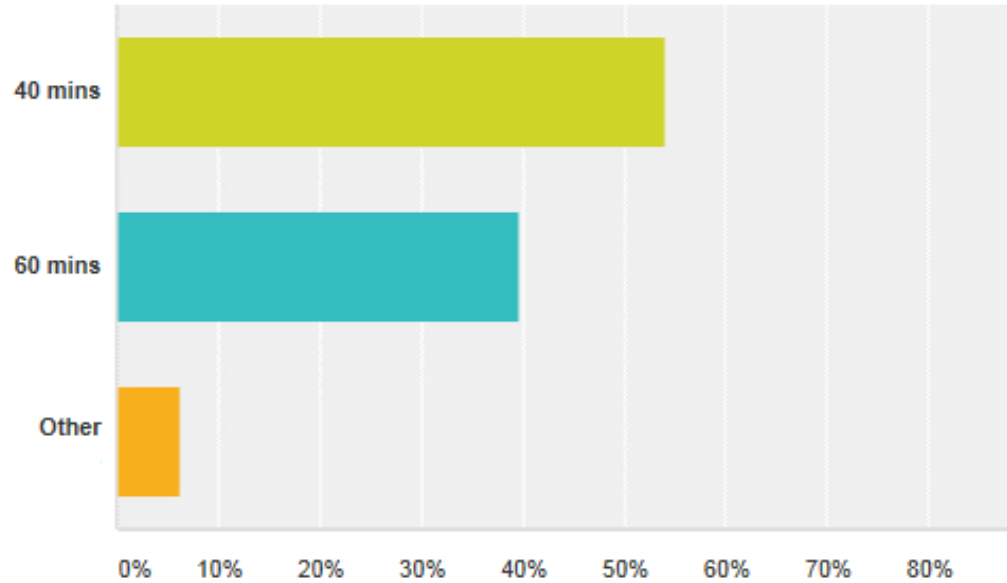
Answer Choices	Responses
Keep the current arrangements for Class Tutor	86.26% 113
Class Tutor should be one full period scheduled once in the week	13.74% 18

Proposal – Class Tutor

- Current arrangement for Class Tutor continues – 10 minutes at the start of each day

Staff

Q3. What would be the optimum class duration?



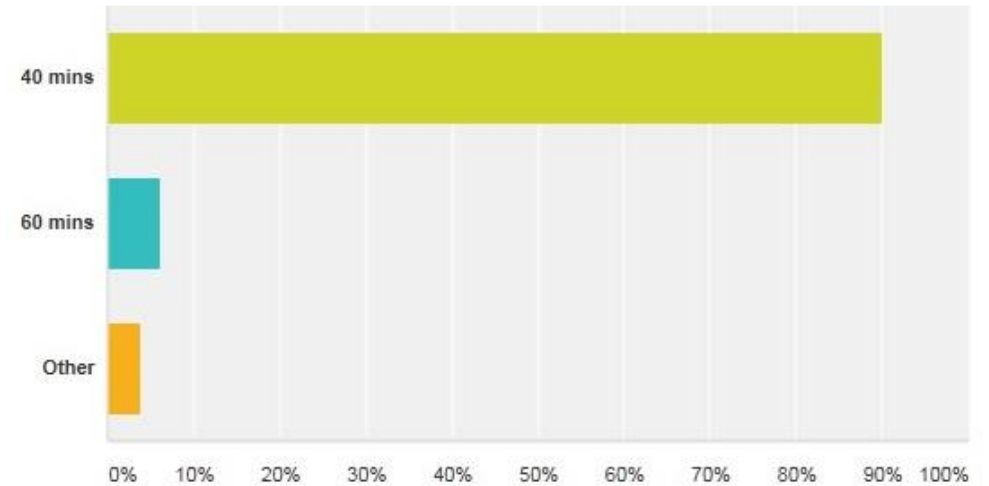
Answer Choices	Responses
40 mins	54.17% 26
60 mins	39.58% 19
Other time/suggestion?	6.25% 3
Total	48

2 - 50min
1 - 45min

Parents/Students

In your opinion, how long should a class period be? Class periods at present alternate between 35 minutes and 40 minutes in duration. All class period from September are required to be a minimum of 40 minutes.

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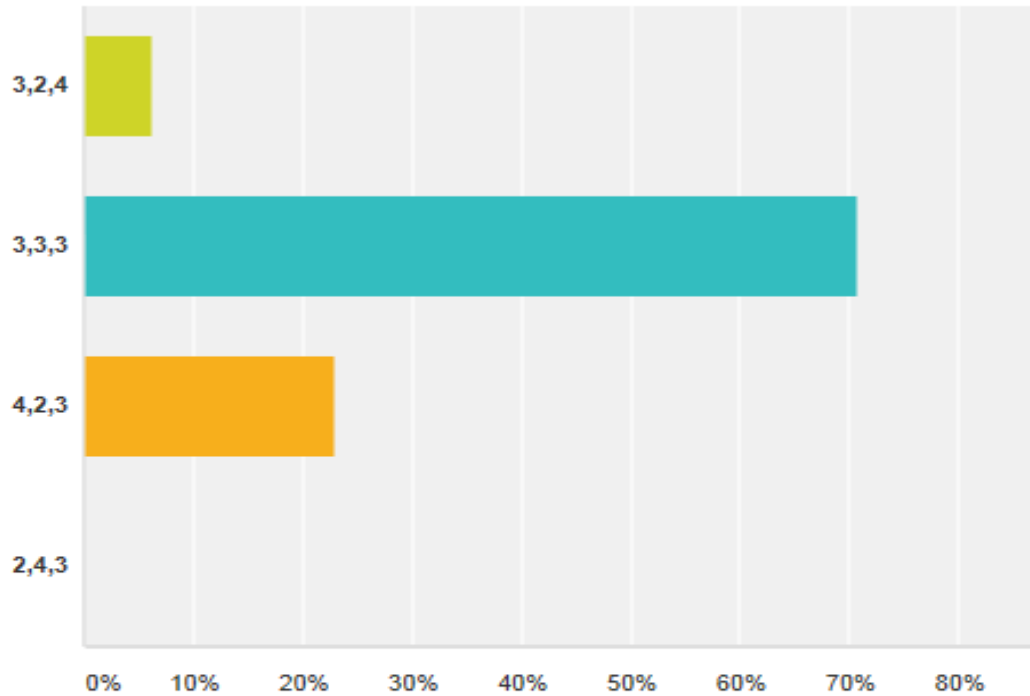
Answer Choices	Responses
40 mins	90.08% 118
60 mins	6.11% 8
Other	3.82% 5
Total	131

Proposal – Duration of class period

- All periods of 40 minutes duration

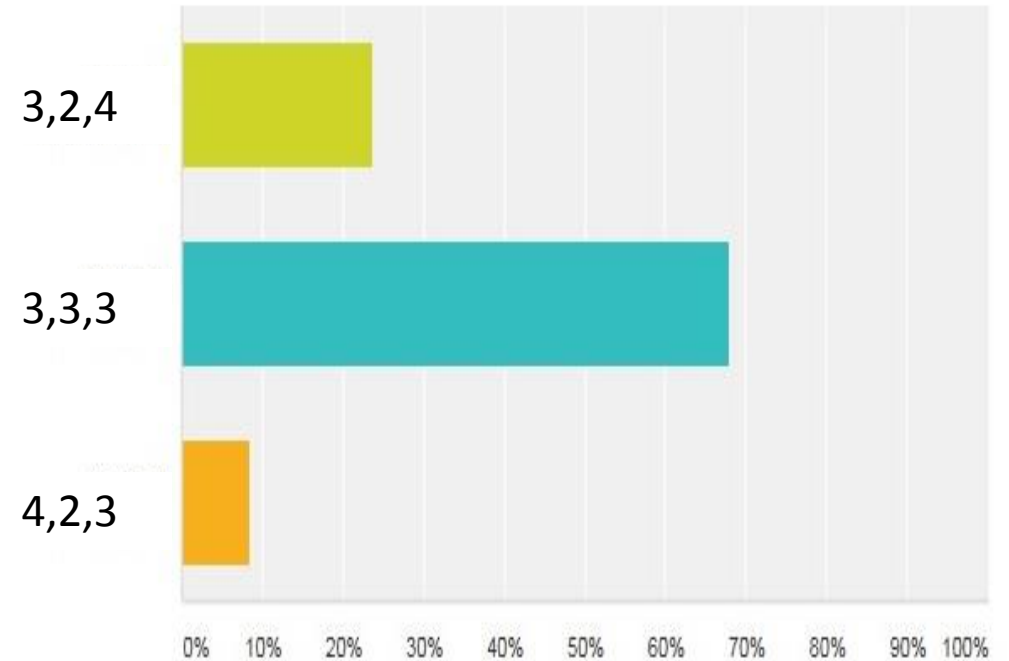
Staff

Q4. what would be the most effective structure of the school day?



Answer Choices	Responses
3,2,4	6.25% 3
3,3,3	70.83% 34
4,2,3	22.92% 11
2,4,3	0.00% 0
Total	48

Parents/Students



Answer Choices	Responses
3 periods before morning break, 2 periods after break, 4 periods after lunch	23.66% 31
3 periods before morning break, 3 periods after break, 3 periods after lunch	67.94% 89
4 periods before morning break, 2 periods after break, 3 periods after lunch	8.40% 11
Total	131

Daily Schedule

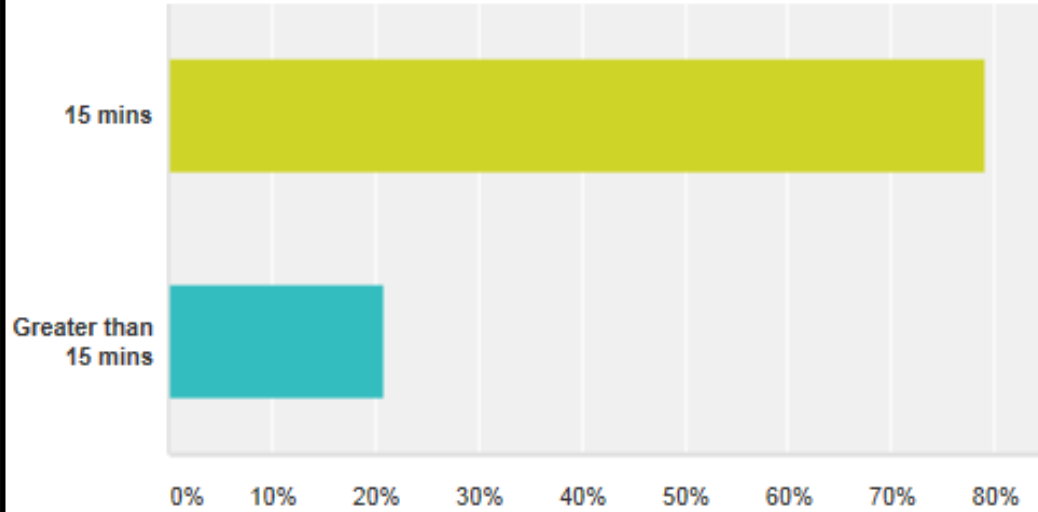
- Art would favour an alternative to 3:3:3
- WoodworkMetalwork/DCG would favour an alternative to 3:3:3 if doubles cannot be guaranteed – proposed 4:2:3
- All other deaprtments favoured 3:3:3

Proposal – Structure of the daily periods

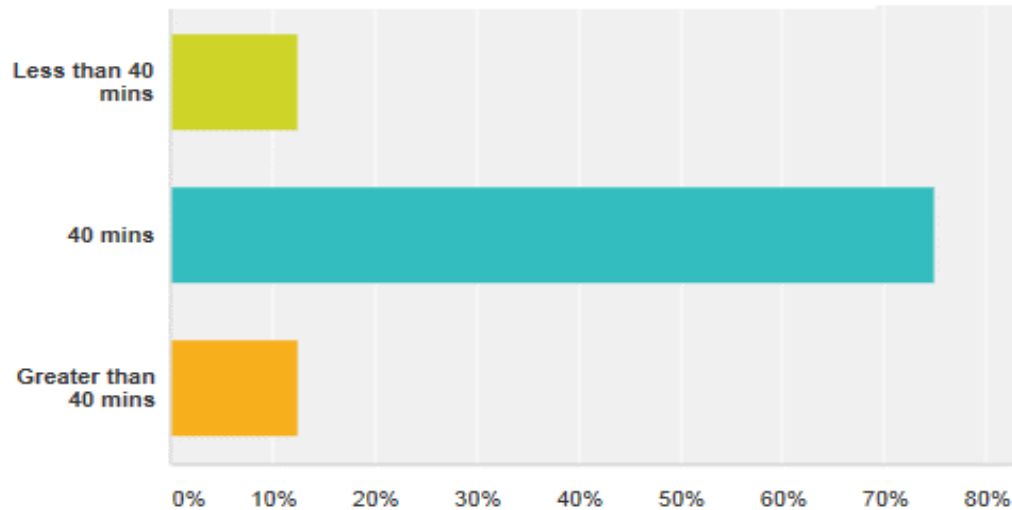
- 3, 3, 3 – subject to timetabling constraints
- Sample Timetable may issue to teachers in June for further feedback

Staff

Q5. How long should the small-break be?



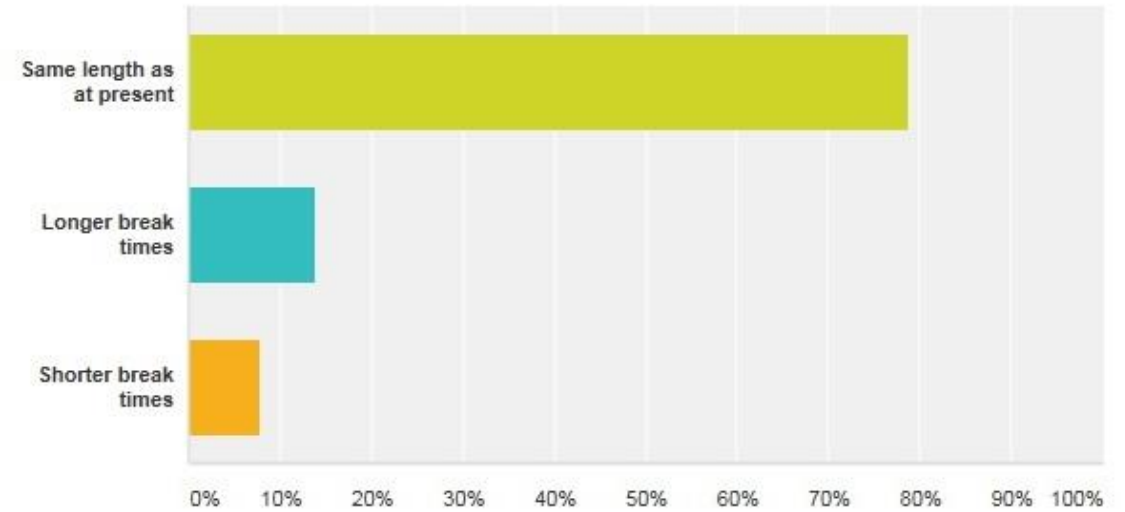
Q6. How long should lunch-time be?



Parents/Students

Please indicate your preference for the duration of break times. Remember that a longer break time will require either an earlier start or later finish time to meet the requirements for the length of the school day.

Answered: 131 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Same length as at present	78.63% 103
Longer break times	13.74% 18
Shorter break times	7.63% 10
Total	131

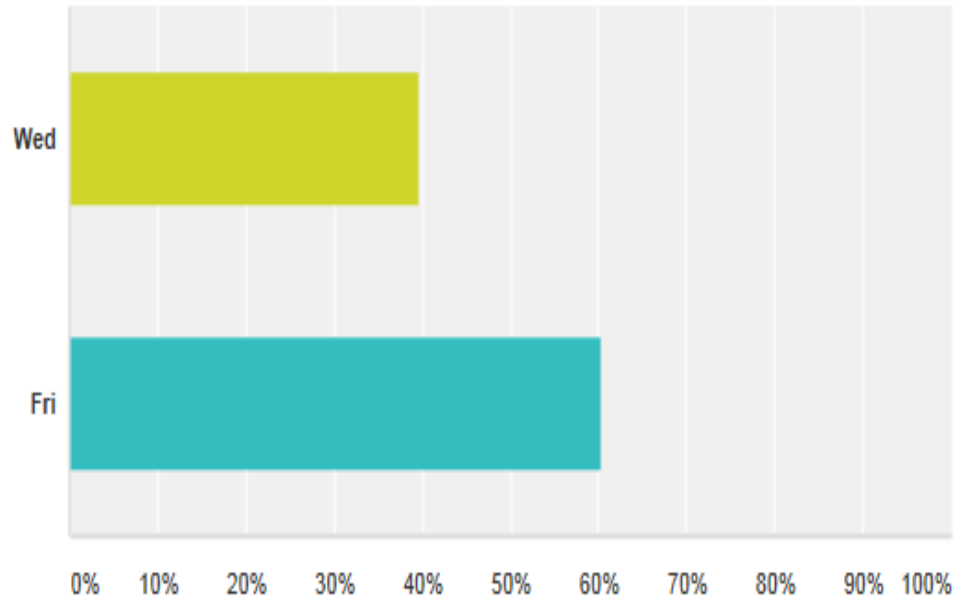
Proposal – Length of break times

- Morning Break – 15 minutes
- Lunch Break – 40 minutes

Staff

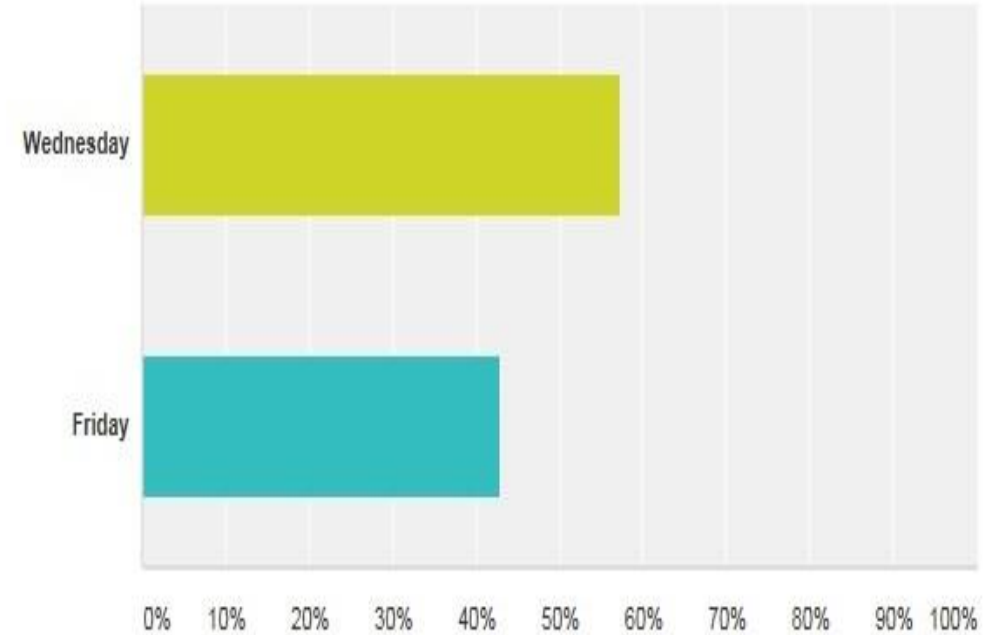
Q7. What day should the half day be on?

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Answer Choices	Responses	
▼ Wed	39.58%	19
▼ Fri	60.42%	29
Total		48

Parents/Students



Answer Choices	Responses	
▼ Wednesday	57.25%	75
▼ Friday	42.75%	56
Total		131

Proposal - The Half-Day

- The half day will continue on Wednesday to preserve the opportunity for students and staff to participate in extra-curricular events



Proposal - Daily Schedule

Period/ Day	Class Tutor	P1	P2	P3	Break	P4	P5	P6	Break	P7	P8	P9
Mon	08:50	09:00	09:40	10:20		11:15	11:55	12:35		13:55	14:35	15:15
	09:00	09:40	10:20	11:00		11:55	12:35	13:15		14:35	15:15	15:55
	10	40	40	40		40	40	40		40	40	40
Tue	08:50	09:00	09:40	10:20		11:15	11:55	12:35		13:55	14:35	15:15
	09:00	09:40	10:20	11:00		11:55	12:35	13:15		14:35	15:15	15:55
	10	40	40	40		40	40	40		40	40	40
Wed	08:50	09:00	09:40	10:20		11:15	11:55	12:35				
	09:00	09:40	10:20	11:00		11:55	12:35	13:15				
	10	40	40	40		40	40	40				
Thu	08:50	09:00	09:40	10:20		11:15	11:55	12:35		13:55	14:35	15:15
	09:00	09:40	10:20	11:00		11:55	12:35	13:15		14:35	15:15	15:55
	10	40	40	40		40	40	40		40	40	40
Fri	08:50	09:00	09:40	10:20		11:15	11:55	12:35		13:55	14:35	
	09:00	09:40	10:20	11:00		11:55	12:35	13:15		14:35	15:15	
	10	40	40	40		40	40	40		40	40	

Curriculum – 3 options for period breakdown

- Maths proposed Option A – proposed 5 periods in both 2nd and 3rd year – old Project Maths syllabus has a greater time requirement than the new subject specifications which require 240 hours
- Business proposed Option A
- French/Spanish proposed Option B
- All other departments proposed Option C

Proposal - Option C

CCA - Proposed JC Curriculum 2017 (All Periods 40 minutes duration)						
	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Periods Year 1</i>	<i>Periods Yr 2</i>	<i>Periods Year 3</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Option subjects:</i>
NCCA Core Subject	English	5	4	4	289	Science
NCCA Core Subject	Irish	4	4	4	267	French
NCCA Core Subject	Maths	4	5	5	312	Spanish
Other Core Subjects	History	3	3	3	200	Business Studies
	Geography	3	3	3	200	Art
	Religion (Non-Exam)	2	2	2	134	Home Economics
Option Subjects	Option 1	3	4	4	245	Music
	Option 2	3	4	4	245	Metalwork
	Option 3	3	4	4	245	Woodwork
	Option 4	3	4	4	245	Technical Graphics
	Option 5	3	0	0	67	
Well Being	PE	2	2	2	134	
	SPHE	1	1	1	67	
	CSPE	1	1	1	67	
	Tutorial/Guidance	1	1	1	67	
Other Araes of Learning	Computers e-learning	1	0	0	22	
		42	42	42	2806	

Total well Being

335

Ratification

- Staff
 - Proposed by - Mr Aidan Lynch
 - Seconded by – Ms Aoibheann O’Gara
 - Count of Votes - Unanimous

- Board
 - Proposed by – Mr James Gilnagh
 - Seconded by – Ms Jennifer Whitmore
 - Count of Votes - Unanimous