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Dear Parent / Carer

Consultation on Proposed Change to Structure of School Day from September 2025

I am writing to inform you of some proposed changes to the structure of the school day at Midhurst Rother College which we are looking to introduce from September 2025.

Our current school day runs from 8.30am – 3.40pm Monday to Thursday, and from 8.30am to 1.40pm on Friday. We are proposing to alter the time that school finishes so that the school day would run from 8.30am to 3.05pm Monday to Friday.

Our school day is currently longer than average, in part due to the enrichment activities we offer. Introducing this change would bring us into line with most other schools within West Sussex whilst ensuring that we are able to continue to provide wide-ranging enrichment activities. Under the new structure, clubs and extra-curricular activities would run each day from 3.05 – 4.00pm with a list being published each term for students to choose from. A sample list of these activities will be provided to parents / carers in spring term.

Importantly, all students will still be able to use the buses they currently travel with to get to school and those children who currently travel on a Local Authority bus will still be able to do this. Buses will transport children home at the end of the school day, albeit slightly earlier.

We believe that these changes will be beneficial to the school community and will have a positive effect on your child's education. We will maintain a broad and deep curriculum across the school, allowing students to achieve their full academic potential, whilst also making sure that our extra-curricular offer meets their interests.

I appreciate that these changes may affect you in terms of childcare or working arrangements, and you may have questions related to your child's education. For this reason, I would like to invite you to please share any feedback that you have by sending any comments to: schooldayconsultation@mrc-academy.org

The consultation process will run for four weeks and close on Monday 9 December 2024. We will write to all parents with more information in January.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this consultation.

Yours sincerely

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