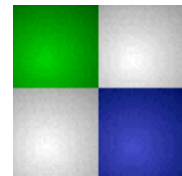




## HAZLEHEAD ACADEMY 32 Period Week Information for Parents



Dear Parent/Carer

From June 2010, we plan to change the structure of the school day. Currently, there are 40 x 40 minute periods in the week. The new school week will consist of 32 x 50 minute periods.

### Monday/Tuesday

32 Period week (50 minute periods) – 50 minute lunch		
Period	Time	Minutes
<b>Registration</b>	8.30 – 8.40	10
Period 1	8.40 – 9.30	50
Period 2	9.30 – 10.20	50
<b>Interval</b>	10.20 – 10.35	15
Period 3	10.35 – 11.25	50
Period 4	11.25 – 12.15	50
<b>Lunch</b>	12.15 – 1:05	50
Period 5	1:05 – 1:55	50
Period 6	1:55 – 2:45	50
Period 7	2:45 – 3:35	50

### Wednesday/Thursday/Friday

32 Period week (50 minute periods) – 50 minute lunch		
Period	Time	Minutes
<b>Registration</b>	8.30 – 8.40	10
Period 1	8.40 – 9.30	50
Period 2	9.30 – 10.20	50
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### How will this benefit your son/daughter?

50 minute periods are better for teaching and learning. Teachers feel 80 minutes is too long and 40 minutes too short. Many schools have changed to this structure.

- Fewer changeovers between periods, a gain in teaching time and a calmer school.
- 50 minute lunchtime and early finish still allows for our excellent extra-curricular programme.
- A more economical timetable, allowing a slight increase in teaching time in S5/6.

### Consultation Process

We have overwhelming support for the 32 Period Week from teachers, Support Staff, Primary Head Teachers and Education Officers. The Parent Council has also been very positive about the change. Most importantly, Year Heads consulted with the Pupil Councils who could see the benefits of the change.

I am now seeking feedback from the wider Parent Forum. If you have any comments you would like to submit, please feel free to do so through the website or by contacting the school.

I do hope you support this change. Our main reason for doing this is to improve the learning experience we offer your son or daughter. We continue to strive for excellence.

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