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Dear Parents and Carers,

On the Monday 13th November and Wednesday 7th of February the staff at Nova Hreod Academy will be participating in teaching and learning development afternoons. This is where staff will be involved in a variety of sessions to develop their teaching practice or other aspects of their role if they are non-teaching members of staff. These opportunities for staff to reflect on and develop their practice are essential in ensuring the quality of teaching and learning at Nova is excellent. We know that scholars learn best when they are in the classroom with their teachers so understand that some parents and carers had questions about this afternoon when we had one back in October. At Nova we have an extended day compared to the majority of other secondary schools in Swindon to maximise time scholars are in class. We also set more home study on average than other schools. This however does mean we have less after school time for staff training so these development afternoons are an excellent opportunity to invest in our staff.

Scholars will be dismissed at 13.20 to go home and work remotely. They will have lunch as normal in school. The work scholars will need to complete will be for the subject they would normally have during periods 5 and 6 will be set via epraise as a piece of homework. It should take scholars 55 minutes in place of the lesson they will be working remotely for. I will send reminders nearer the time.

Kind regards,

Mrs Unwin

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