



Nova Hreod Academy
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Part of United Learning

Nova Hreod Curriculum and School Day 2018-19 Parent Information Evening



Tonight

- The Curriculum
- The School Day
- Achievement
- Binary Behaviour
- The Pastoral System
- Houses and Vertical Tutoring
- Extra Curricular Programme

Getting to Know Nova



- Meetings with staff x 63
 - Teachers
 - SLT
 - Support Staff
- Student Voice – during 3 Development days
- United Learning – advice from Dame Sally Coates and Christine Raeside (ex HMI)



What did everyone say?

- Broaden the curriculum
- Strengthen the pastoral system
- Provide more enrichment
- Review Binary Behaviour
- Bring more joy and laughter into the school life



The Curriculum



Broadening the curriculum

- There will be a number of changes to your child's curriculum and timetable in September:
- We will operate a **one week** timetable
- There will be **26 lessons** (currently we have 20 lessons)
- Lessons will last for **1 hour and 5 mins** (currently they are 1h 15 min)



Years 7-9: 26 lessons

- **We will have a much broader curriculum at KS3**
 - 2 lessons of PE each week (1 at the moment)
 - 1 lesson of Art each week (once a fortnight at the moment)
 - 1 lesson of Music each week (once a fortnight at the moment)
 - 1 lesson of Dance/Drama each week (once a fortnight at the moment)
 - 1 lesson of DT per week (once a fortnight at the moment)
 - 1 lesson of PSHE per week (none at the moment)

19 classroom based, academic lessons

6 sporting and creative lessons

The 26th Lesson - PSHE



Years 7,8 and 9 – this is what it will look like:

Key Stage 3	Lessons	1	2	3	4	5	
Maths	4	Maths					
English	4	English					
Science	4	Science					
Humanities	5	Ge		Hi		RE	
MFL	2	French					
Performing Arts	2	Mu	Dr/Da				
Art and Design Tech	3	Art	DT				
PSHE		PSHE					
PE	2	PE					
Total	26						

Year 10 – 26 lessons

- **We will have more options at Key Stage 4**
 - 4 Options (Year 10 only have 3 options)
 - Each option has 3 lessons per week (currently there are 2 lessons per week for options)
 - 1 lesson of PE each week (Year 11 currently have no PE lessons)
 - EBacc Pathway has two additional options
 - Progress 8 Pathway has three additional options



Key Stage 4 (Year 10)

Key Stage 4 (Y10)	Lessons	1	2	3	4	5
Maths	4	Maths				
English	4	English				
Science	5	Science				
Option A	3	Option A				
Option B	3	Option B				
Option C	3	Option C				
Option D	3	Option D				
PE	1	PE				
Total	<u>26</u>					

Year 11 – 26 lessons

- **Pupils will have extra time in each subject**
 - 1 lesson of PE each week
 - 5 lessons each for En Ma and Sc (4 at the moment)
 - Each option has 3 lessons per week (2 at the moment)
 - 1 lesson of PE each week (none at the moment)
 - 1 lesson of AIG/Exam practice
 - No lesson 5 in September



Key Stage 4 (Year 11)- one year only

Key Stage 4 (Y11)	Lessons	1	2	3	4	5
Maths	5	Maths				
English	5	English				
Science	5	Science				
Option A	3	Option A				
Option B	3	Option B				
Option C	3	Option C				
AiG and WT Mocks	1	AiG				
PE	1	PE				
Total	26					

The School Day



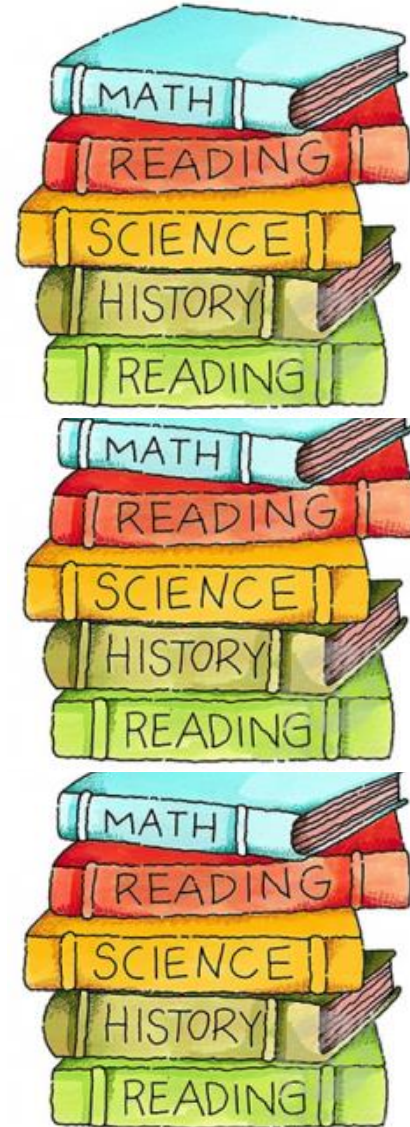
Times of the Day

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

08:20 – 08:25	Roll Call
08:25 – 08:50	Tutor Time/Assembly
08:50 - 09:55	Period 1
09:55 - 11:00	Period 2
11:00 - 11:20	Break
11:20 – 12:25	Period 3
12:25 - 13:30	Period 4
13:30 - 14:00	Lunch (30 min)
14:00 - 15:05	Period 5

Tuesday

08:20 –	Period 1
09:25 –	Period 2
10.30 –	Break
10.50—11.55	Period 3
11:55 - 13:00	Period 4
13:00 - 13:30	Lunch (30 min)
13:30 - 14:35	Period 5 -
14:35 - 15:40	Period 6



5 lessons each day – six on Tuesday

Why lesson 6 on Tuesday?

- An excellent curriculum – broad and balanced
- A balance of academic, sporting and creative subjects
- Time to cover the new and more demanding content of the National curriculum and GCSEs
- Time for PE
- Time for PSHE at Key Stage 3



Binary Behaviour



Binary Behaviour

- We are undertaking a review of the rules about behaviour
- There will be a new set of clear and explicit guidance regarding the expectations for classroom conduct
- There will be more guidance on expectations at break and lunchtime and a set of consequences for different misbehaviours
- We hope to further reduce the number of pupils who spent time in Isolation



Achievement



Raising Achievement

- Review of the Curriculum and Schemes of Work
- New Annual Overviews and Pacing plans are in place
- We have reduced the amount of time spent on quizzing and revision in lessons
- We are sharing expertise across the Cluster



Houses and Vertical tutoring



A House System for Nova



- The House System will be at the heart of the school
- There will be Four Houses – pupils have helped us to choose the names
- There will be a Head of House (teacher) and a House manager (support staff) for each house with approximately 200 pupils in each house
- A family and community feeling with House Tutor Groups
 - House Assemblies
 - Competitions – academic, sporting, artistic, cultural and some just crazy...
 - House Points for everything
 - Sports Day
 - College Competition updates regularly – winners get a treat at the end of the year



Vertical tutoring



- There will be 4 houses
- Each house will have 8 tutor groups
- Tutor time takes place every morning for 25 minutes (08.25 – 08.50)
- Your child will be in a tutor group with pupils from Years 7-11.
- There will be about 25 pupils in each tutor group
 - Friendship
 - Getting to know younger and older pupils
 - Opportunities for leadership and mentoring
 - Discussion, collaboration, celebration
 - Like a family

Student Voice

- **What is it like to be in a vertical tutor group?**

Extra Curricular Trips and Visits



Extra Curricular Programme



- There will be a new, improved Extra Curricular Programme
- Details of Clubs, Teams, Events and Societies will be published termly
 - There will be 5 PE teachers to run teams and clubs
 - There will be a full Duke of Edinburgh programme
 - Pupils will be able to join Army Cadets at Swindon Academy
 - Pupils will have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument
- There will be weekly clubs
- There will be regular societies and special events
- A full programme of performances



Trips and Visits

- There will be a 5 year plan of trips and visits
- Every year
 - Christmas trip - French Market and Disney Paris
- Once every 2/3 years:
 - New York/Cultural Visit
 - Skiing
- Every year pupils will be able to go on a range of departmental trips



Your feedback

- Members of SLT are in the Atrium – they are happy to answer your questions
- If you need to rush off, we have provided questions/comment sheets for you to complete. We will aim to get back to you by the end of half term.
- ***And our new Headteacher should be appointed on Friday...***



Feedback following the presentation

- *I think these changes are going to be good for Nova, definitely the extra PE, drama, etc. (Y7 parent)*
- *I attended the meeting with reservations about the changes, but I am pleased to say that these have been totally alleviated. I can tell the changes have been well thought out and I can see all the reasons behind the decisions (Y7 parent)*



Feedback following the presentation

- I was so pleased that I attended the meeting tonight. Having the curriculum explained changed my opinion and now I can see the benefits to these changes. Hearing how all staff had their voices heard in making the changes was reassuring to hear and that staff are working cohesively. The house system sounds fantastic and I can see the positive benefits to introducing this to Nova. Fabulous presentation and left me feeling excited about the future of Nova. (Y7 parent)*



Feedback following the presentation

- *Looking forward to the improvements. We feel that these improvements will be for the betterment of the school and the children (Y7 parent)*
- *Really good! Excited for my child to go into Year 9 (Y8 parent)*
- *Very impressed with presentation. Prior to this evening had reservations about the changes; however, now completely reassured and can see why they are being done (Y7 parent)*



Feedback following the presentation

- *We are pleased that the curriculum will bring more opportunities for PE and particularly the creative elements, as not all students are academic. This evening was reassuring for us as parents and an exciting time ahead for the pupils! (Y7 parent)*
- *Arrived to meeting with some concerns, however, Mrs Robinson's talk was both informative and left me feeling happy about the changes. She came across as caring and having the school's best interests at the forefront. Thank you for putting my mind at ease (Y7 parent)*

