

**St Katherine's School**  
**Parent/Carer Association Meeting**  
**27 January 2020**  
**6.30pm**

**1. Welcome**

Mr Humphreys, Mr Harding - Chair of Governors, Mrs Argo - Vice Chair of Governors, Mr Francis-Black - Acting Deputy Head

**2. Activities week review**

Confirmed will not run in traditional role

Co-curricular model throughout the year as discussed in previous meeting

**3. Cultural Capital Programme**

→ Mr Francis-Black shared draft model, overview and booklet insert.

- Name - considering asking students
- Great model to identify groups
- Social media aspect → how could we promote using model technology? Vlog, blogging
- Student involvement - take to leadership meetings - houses.
- E.g. eat in a restaurant - raise the bar → different restaurant, new food, embracing the cultural diversity of the school.
- Creative Youth referrals in Bristol → to engage young people in new experiences - other schools use them.

→ This replaces activities week.

→ What about Years 10 and 11? There will always be a lag.

→ Community - Bristol Noise Project - getting involved with other projects

→ Charity - What is your charity - could you support charity week?

→ Diversity - places of worship.

→ Electives - debating, public speaking.

→ Can we open up a way of gathering more.

→ Mr Hodgson - outdoor Ed.

→ Encouraging students to appreciate and get involved in the great outdoors.

→ What is DofE - include link.

→ What about those that have already completed the award.

→ Cost of DofE is not a fair burden as it forces a cost → 36 in DofE for Year 9

→ Outdoor Ed needs support from parents, staff and school.

→ This work is aligned to our values. Use the student strengths/interests to drive it across their friends/peer groups.

→ Can it be made compulsory? Would struggle with capacity to run it.

→ Could you make the award (St Katherine's one) mandatory??

**4. School Day**

→ Overview from Mr Francis-Black.

- Shorter subjects → support
- Doubles for practical subjects.
- What about show rehearsals, for example
- Lunchtime is critical as some must leave at the end of the day.
- Impact on sports day.
- Switching break and lunch?? Some up very early so break is their lunchtime.
- School trips returning

Start later

Earlier lunch suits where others

- Structure the lunchtime carefully

5 mins off the lunch?

40 mins instead of

→ 35 + 20 mins →

DEAR + 35 mins

35 + DEAR - longer window for lunch to cope with increasing numbers.

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- Physical movement

- If removing lunchtime, could we add an extra exercise into curriculum

- Lunch clubs are really important

- Would not want to lose them.
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Concerns → co-curricular at lunch

School to consider all points made in reviewing the day. Any proposals will be shared with all stakeholders.

## **5. Next meeting date to be confirmed**

Not a Monday