



LORD TWEEDSMUIR SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear families,

I wanted to share an important update to our schedule for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. As you are no doubt aware, student enrolment at our school has been steadily increasing. To effectively address the challenge of accommodating both our current student numbers and expected growth, **our school will begin implementing an extended day starting this September.**

This means that our school day will be extended by one block, so there will be five blocks instead of four. Students will continue attending four blocks per day, but each student's schedule will depend on their classes. For example, some students may attend the first four blocks, others the last four, and some may attend the first two and last two blocks of the day.

This initiative will increase the capacity of our school by 10-15%. By extending the school day by one block and restructuring schedules, we can better accommodate our growing student population, while still maintaining a high-quality learning environment.

Our students are currently engaged in the course selection process for September. The insights gathered during this process will help determine the course offerings distributed throughout the five blocks. Please be assured that we will continue to prioritize our students' education and the overall wellbeing of our school community during this process. Preliminary schedules, outlining specific class times and arrangements will be communicated to students and their families by late Spring.

We understand that this potential change may pose challenges for some families, and we are here to provide support and guidance every step of the way. To address any questions or concerns you may have regarding the extended day format, our district has prepared a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) document. This resource is available in [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [English](#), [Punjabi](#), and [Spanish](#).

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate these changes together. Your partnership is invaluable as we work to ensure the success of our students.

Sincerely,

Ken Hignell

Mr. K. Hignell
Principal

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