



Consultation on Proposed Change to the Secondary School Day from September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following discussion with staff, the Local Authority and the Governing Body, we are writing to inform you that Ysgol Bae Baglan is proposing a change to the secondary phase school day from September 2026, and to invite your views as part of the formal consultation process. **No changes are proposed for Primary Phase.**

The Governing Body has agreed to begin consultation on the following proposed changes to the secondary school day

The current secondary school day is:

- Registration: 8:30am – 8:55am
- Lesson 1: 8:55am – 9:55am
- Lesson 2: 9:55am – 10:55am
- Break: 10:55am – 11:10am
- Lesson 3: 11:10am – 12:10pm
- Lesson 4: 12:10pm – 1:10pm
- **Lunch: 1:10pm – 1:55pm**
- **Lesson 5: 1:55pm – 2:55pm**

The proposed secondary school day from September 2026 would be:

- Registration: 8:30am – 8:55am
- Lesson 1: 8:55am – 9:55am
- Lesson 2: 9:55am – 10:55am
- Break: 10:55am – 11:10am
- Lesson 3: 11:10am – 12:10pm
- Lesson 4: 12:10pm – 1:10pm
- **Lunch: 1:10pm – 1:45pm**
- **Lesson 5: 1:45pm – 2:45pm**

This means:

- the lunch break would reduce by 10 minutes, from 45 minutes to 35 minutes;
- the school day would finish 10 minutes earlier, at 2:45pm instead of 2:55pm;
- there would be no reduction in lesson time or overall learning time.

Why is this change being proposed?

The school is proposing this change following feedback and review of the current school day. The main reasons are:

- to make better use of the final part of the day, which can sometimes be less productive for learning;
- to reduce the length of lunchtime, as the canteen and social areas are always clear before the end of the current lunch period. The canteen currently finishes serving all pupils by 1:30pm
- to support smoother supervision and movement around the site;
- to create a slightly earlier finish for pupils, which may support families and allow more time for travel or after-school activities;
- reports from similar local schools that have made this change are positive.

After-school clubs, interventions and enrichment activities would continue as normal and remain voluntary. The Local Authority have already been informed of this proposal and Local Authority school transport would be informed of any change if it is adopted.

Your views are important to us and will be considered by the Governing Body before any final decision is made.

One way to share your views or questions is to attend the consultation meeting to speak directly to a senior leader.

- Date: Wednesday 13 May 2026
- Time: 3:30pm
- Location: Main School Atrium (through main reception)

Other ways to share your views

If you cannot attend the consultation meeting, please complete the consultation form here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Gibyqm6Wh7>

The consultation will close on Friday 15 May 2026 at 5pm. The Governing Body will consider all feedback before making a final decision and this will be communicated to parents before 1st June, three months before the implementation. Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal and to share your views.

Yours sincerely,

Stewart JJ Davies

Deputy Headteacher

For and on behalf of the Governing Body

Ysgol Bae Baglan