



GALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The school is considering moving from 40 minute lessons to 60 minutes. We are eager to hear parent's opinions on this matter. Our staff have collaborated to create this information leaflet which may be helpful when deciding your preference.

60 MINUTES

- 6 lessons a day means less books for students to carry & organise.
- More opportunity during lessons to ask questions, practice, prepare homework and delve deeper into tasks with teacher support.
- More opportunity for students to experience a variety of classroom activities, collaborate, group work, class discussions, investigative tasks etc.
- A maximum of 6 subjects with homework each night and often homework might not be due the following day.
- Less disruption for Cluny students in a day with five changes of class.
- More efficient use of time in practical classes, less time spent at the beginning and end of classes setting up/ tidying up. Resulting in more time on task.
- Less movement about the hallways and time spent changing classes.
- The same number of hours spent on a subject over the years of Junior Cycle & Leaving Certificate as before. No loss in subject time allocation.

40 MINUTES

- Fewer classes per week; (For option subjects 3 x 40 min classes becomes 2 x 60 min classes). If a student is involved in extra-curricular activities, he/she could easily miss one of these classes and may only meet with their teacher once weekly. There will be less opportunity for teachers to monitor progress and provide feedback.
- Students with Additional Educational Needs may find adjusting to a longer format, 60-min lessons more difficult
- More frequent, shorter lessons allow students to process smaller chunks of content at a time and better manage the cognitive load of a lesson.
- Regular movement breaks, between classes, every 40 minutes improves students' level of concentration.
- Students may find 60-min lessons long and more difficult to stay engaged. Potentially leading to them becoming bored and frustrated.
- Home Economics practical skills (worth 50% of the JC exam and offered to all TY students) would struggle greatly to be adequately covered in 60 minutes. Students & Home Ec. teachers may be expected to prepare practical classes before & after school and at break times.

Parents will receive a text message in the coming days with a link to vote on your preference.

Thank you for your interest, time & contribution



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