Too Much Learning?

Pentrehafod School Reporters have been debating the idea of pupils staying in school from 9am to 6pm. This is the current idea trying to be implemented within schools by Michael Gove (the Education Secretary). This news has shocked and outraged many, especially pupils, teachers and those working within schools. How are children as young as five going to cope with these extra-long hours?

As a group we have wondered how people are going to manage to spend time with their family and friends. Currently, pupils are inundated with extra-curricular activities such as football, swimming, rugby etc. If we stay in school for these hours pupils won’t have the chance to do these extra activities.

If the school hours increase then it might affect the older pupils in Year Eleven with their revision sessions and GCSE subjects. We have interviewed a couple of pupils on the report regarding learning too much and we have had a great deal of feedback. Chloe D thinks this could have a positive effect on school education, because this could help student’s grades get better and improve. But, many others feel that theses changing school times would have detrimental effects on the way they achieve in school. It is a great ask to expect to be engaged throughout school hours if they were to extend.

Clearly, a great deal of thought needs to go into such a momentous decision. We hope that many will understand the implications of extending school hours by this large amount of time.

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