

Title **Realignment of secondary school timetables**

Service Area **Education**

Estimated Savings **£324,000**

Summary

It is proposed that school timetables be harmonised, moving to a 33 period timetable for S1 to S6, which is more efficient from a staffing point of view. This will enable schools to have an additional 3 periods a week, bringing Clackmannanshire secondary timetables into line with the majority of secondary schools across Scotland.

Harmonising timetables across the three secondary schools should help provide additional avenues for learning, and could increase access to specific subjects (such as Advanced Highers) for senior pupils.

Teachers have a contractual responsibility to teach up to a maximum of 22.5 hours (for a full time teacher). Moving to a 33 period week removes an inefficiency of around 30 minutes per full time teacher from the availability of teaching time.

A reconfiguration of secondary school timetables to 33 periods in the week gives periods of exactly 50 minutes. This means that teachers can have 6 periods (i.e. 5 hours) of non-contact time and can teach up to 27 lessons in the week instead of 24.

Impact

Pupils will have an additional two periods of class contact time and could have further options, particularly increases in health and wellbeing subjects like PE (Physical Education), PSE (Personal & Social Education), etc.

Pupils would become part of a wider learning community through the harmonisation of timetables across Clackmannanshire and be offered more choice for senior phase.

Teachers will be able to take two additional classes per week. Operational hours of schools will change to facilitate the new timetable structure. The earlier finish on 3 school days could result in childcare issues for parents/carers. This transformational change will result in a reduction in teacher numbers.