Open Day Scenario – background (Yes it did actually happen)

The open day has been planned on the basis of a paper submitted to the SMT and agreed at a meeting at the end of 2012 (see Open Day 2013 Paper)

At no point was the timetable consulted.

The “Open Day timetable” spreadsheet shows how the Events team intended to run the open day – again this was planned without consulting the timetable.

The “Open Day Affected Activities” spreadsheet was created as a worst case scenario, i.e. all the activities that would need to be cancelled to accommodate the planned timetable if the event stayed the same.

The “Solution” spreadsheet was the best case scenario we could come up with.

The challenge is to see how a person would approach this and what type of solution they come up with. This will take someone quite a bit of time to accomplish; however, you could potentially cut this down if you wanted to.

The other point with this scenario is how a more senior timetabler would manage the expectations of the SMT and the Events team and the negotiations there are required to achieve a workable solution.

Hope this is of some use to someone.

Cheers

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