

20th January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

In recent years, there has been significant investment in educational research which considers the curriculum studied by students aged 13-14 years old. As a Trust, we have conducted our own review into the curriculum our youngsters' study and have decided to make some changes.

From September 2020, students in current years 7 and 8 will move to a 3-year KS3, with the aim of broadening our curriculum entitlement, to ensure that our students study a wider range of subjects for longer. This means that students currently in Year 8 will take their GCSE options in Spring 2021 and students currently in Year 7 will take their GCSE options in Spring 2022.

We believe that these changes will provide a real opportunity for our students to study a wide range of Arts, Humanities and Technology subjects, which previously they may have withdrawn from at the beginning of Y9. It is our hope that this will enable students to make more informed choices about the GCSE's they choose to study, allowing them to develop a real love of learning.

As a result of this decision, Year 8 students will not be completing their options this term and will continue into KS3 studying a broad range of subjects in September 2020. Therefore, options will be taken during year 9, and the previously calendared options meeting for Tuesday 21st January 2020 will no longer take place.

Yours sincerely,



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Head of Academy