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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware, the Department for Education is expecting all schools to deliver a 3 year KS3: years 7-9. The rationale is to ensure that all students sustain a breath of curriculum before specialising in their options.

As a result, our students will be studying a 3 year KS3 curriculum and a 2 year GCSE curriculum as of next academic year (September 2020). This will mean that the current year 8 students will choose their option choices in year 9. The year 9 curriculum will be adapted to provide a bridging curriculum as a transition from year 9, KS3, into the GCSE subject content.

All subject curriculum plans have been developed to ensure that the knowledge taught in years 7-9 is fundamental to the knowledge required for the GCSE subjects. Each curriculum has a clear end point which is A levels or post 16 vocational courses. They also have a clear starting point: the KS2, year 6, curriculum and base line assessments. Our new curriculum plans enable a progressive and sequential curriculum that builds on prior knowledge.

Geography and History will continue to be taught as independent subjects from year 7, as they enable essential knowledge that will educate students about their place in the world.

We shall continue to evaluate our curriculum to ensure it provides a strong foundation to GCSE and post 16 success whilst also providing for our students interests and passions.

I will continue to keep you informed about any future developments.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to meeting the parents of year 9 students at the Options evening at the start of 2021.

Yours Sincerely

Mr C Connor  
Vice Principal