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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you with an update to our curriculum. Following the Ofsted report of last June, we have been aware of the breadth of our curriculum offer, ensuring that it offers our students the right opportunities to thrive, whilst ensuring that they are best prepared to become lifelong learners.

Following consultation through the Parents' Forum, student voice and with external reviewers we will be making the following changes to the curriculum:

**Year 7 and Year 8**

The carousel of creative subjects will cease. In its place students will receive a balanced curriculum of the arts. Drama, art, DT and music will each be taught once a week. RE will also be taught to all students.

**Year 9**

Students in Year 9 will begin to feel the demand of skills increase. Transitional work in maths, English, science and humanities will ensure students are correctly prepared for the forthcoming challenges of GCSE study. Students will have the opportunity to narrow their arts subjects, by choosing two and having more focused time in these subject areas.

**Year 10**

Year 10 will gain an hour in English to help support students as they prepare for their English Literature examination in the summer term. The introduction of Period 6 Interventions will appear on student timetables.

**Year 11**

Year 11 will not have their timetables altered.

We are excited by the changes and by the positive impact that we know they will have on our students whilst they study with us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at the school.

Thank you for your continued support



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