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Dear Parent/Carer

Key Stage 3 Curriculum

As you will be aware, we have been developing and improving our curriculum over the last six-months and were delighted to have these improvements recognised in our recent Ofsted report. We will continue to regularly review and refine this curriculum to ensure that it provides the best possible education for our students.

We want to maximise student experience in all subjects whilst having the opportunity to study them to the greatest depth. To achieve this we believe it will be necessary to extend our current two-year key stage three to three years in some subjects.

We will therefore be moving from the current two-year Key Stage 3, to a hybrid model where students study Key Stage 3 over three years in some subjects. Students will continue to study the Key Stage 3 curriculum for the core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science across two years. We will also look to retain the benefit we have seen for our students, when they opt to focus on one language in Year 9 before deciding whether to continue with that language when they complete the full option process later that year (academic year 2020-2021).

This hybrid model will ensure that students are embedding GCSE content in core subjects, whilst also developing greater understanding in other subjects before selecting their options in Year 9. During our recent successful Ofsted visit we discussed our plans with the inspectors and they were warmly received; we will be making this change for students currently in Year 8.

This means there will be no options process for Year 8 and instead we will simply ask students to choose the language they would prefer to concentrate on in Year 9. Students will make this decision in March, after the Year 8 parents' evening in order to help you and your child make their choice around which language they should chose.

Yours sincerely

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