

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing with information regarding the curriculum for the students entering Year 9 in September 2019.

Having reflected on recent curriculum advice and guidance we will be following a 'hybrid' model for our approach to KS3 and KS4. Many schools are adopting this approach. Students will start studying the skills and in some cases content for the GCSE specifications in English, Maths and Science, (Triple Science and Combined Science known as the Trilogy) in Year 9.

However, students will not complete their option choices until half way through Year 9 and will not begin the actual GCSE content until the start of Year 10. This reflects practice that Ofsted endorses, 'Learners study the full curriculum. Providers ensure this by teaching a full range of subjects for as long as possible, 'specialising' only when necessary.'

The compulsory curriculum students will follow includes the core: English, Maths and Science, and the open/foundation subjects Drama, Art, Dance, Food and PE.

Students will then need to study two English Baccalaureate subjects chosen from, History, Geography or French. Students will not be able to take a subject in Year 10 if they haven't studied it in Year 9.

The accompanying mini option sheet – Option Plus – explains the process and choices that need to be made.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Drumm or myself if you have any concerns or questions relating to this.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S. Jones