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Dear Parents/Carers

In recent years we have offered students an option choice at the end of Year 8 at which point they have started an introduction to a GCSE course in one subject. After a period of review I am writing to inform you that we have decided to make a change to our curriculum. We will now offer students two options at the end of Year 9.

We believe that this will benefit students in two main ways:

1. Students will continue to access a broader curriculum for three years allowing them to experience a greater range of subjects and make more informed decisions when they finally pick their options.
2. Students will have greater flexibility in their choice of option subjects.

Students will continue to work towards a total of 10 GCSEs in Year 11, with RS being taken in Year 10.

The Year 8 Options Evening which was planned for the 28<sup>th</sup> of March will no longer take place. There will be an options evening held in Year 9 giving students the opportunity to make informed option choices with the support of their parents/carers and teachers.

Should you have any further queries about this change please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Hoyle

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