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Dear Parent/Carer,

Curriculum Development Plans: Year 8

We wanted to share with you our curriculum development plans for our current Year 8 pupils. As you will be aware, we continually review and adapt our curriculum to make sure that it meets the current needs of every pupil, given the educational demands of secondary school as well as intended post-16 pathways. We want all our pupils to be confident that they are taking the correct combinations of subjects through to certification at the end of Year 11. We have consulted with and taken on board the views of those who have been through this process.

In light of feedback from pupils, parents/carers and teachers, we are developing the design of our curriculum to further enhance the ability of our pupils to make appropriate and well-informed choices about the subjects they will take forward to Key Stage 4. To facilitate this, we are proposing that:

- The Year 9 curriculum is adapted so that pupils have the maximum amount of time to make wise and informed choices about the subjects they study, whilst also maintaining their broad and balanced curriculum
- Pupils are given an opportunity to have a “Taste” of subjects which might be unfamiliar to them in order to guide their future choices.
- Pupils have an extra choice of subject to study at Key Stage 4

In Year 9 your child will study the following:

Subject	Hours studied per fortnight
English	7
Mathematics	6
Science	9
Religious Studies	4
Geography	4
History	4
Spanish	4
Physical Education	2
Personal Development	2
Technology Subject(s)	8 hours over the 2 weeks
Creative Art Subject(s)	
Taster Subject(s)	
Total	50 hours (per fortnight)

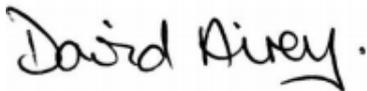


At the end of Year 9, your child will make their final curriculum choices to determine the subjects they will take forward to the end of Year 11 and certification.

We will send further, more detailed, information with regard to these changes in due course. Should you have any queries in the meantime, please feel free to contact us via the 'contact us' page of the school website [\[LINK\]](#) and we will endeavour to respond to you as soon as possible.

As always, many thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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