

17<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well.

It has been a very focussed half term and much has been achieved. We have been working hard, making sure we minimise any damage to learning, that time off due to Covid, has potentially caused.

Covid has caused a number of issues over the last 3 years, some of which are only now coming to light, in terms of gaps in knowledge and skills. Following an intense period of diagnostic testing and assessment, we are now in a position to fully appreciate any gaps and needs in your son/daughter's knowledge and skills in each subject area.

We believe the best way forward is to reduce the number of examinations and courses your son/daughter will need to prepare for.

With this in mind, we canvassed the whole of Year 10 to ascertain which Options are a strength and also ones which they may struggle with. Working with our Trust (Northern Leaders Trust), we have re-written the timetable to reflect the dropping of one Option only. We are confident that this will be beneficial, in that the workload will be less and your son/daughter will potentially achieve higher grades in the remaining subjects. Your son/daughter will still be sitting between 8 and 9 qualifications.

If you would like to discuss this further, or if you would prefer that your son/daughter does not drop a subject, then please contact me and we can look at your individual case. The new timetable will take effect after half term.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Ms S Huntley

**Acting Principal**