

17th 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.

As you know, as a Studio School we have always operated a 2-year Key Stage 3 and a 3-year Key Stage 4. The DfE have invested heavily in the Key Stage 3 National Curriculum ensuring that students have a rich breadth of knowledge up to the end of Year 9. We have completed a rigorous round of diagnostic testing and assessment in all subjects to give us a much better picture of any gaps in learning.

Working with our Trust (Northern Leaders Trust) we are now in a position to offer a curriculum that will ensure your son/daughter will receive both the breadth and the catch up she/he needs.

With this in mind, we plan to postpone some Options that are not EBacc subjects (MFL / History / Geography / RE) until September 2023. If these subjects were not chosen as an Option then your son/daughter will receive Key Stage 3 lessons in these subject areas up to the end of this academic year.

The reason the DfE are keen for students to receive the breadth of knowledge across all subjects up to the end of Key Stage 3 is to ensure a good grounding in knowledge and skills in all of the subject areas:

English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, MFL, Design Technology, Art & Design, Music, PE, Computing, PSHE, including specific skills.

From September 2023, you son/daughter will begin their 2-year Key Stage 4 programme afresh and there will be an opportunity to change original options should your son/daughter wish. New timetables will start after half term.

I hope this is clear but please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require further clarity. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Ms S Huntley

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