

4<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Over the course of the last two years, we have begun the process of planning the Key Stage 4 curriculum and 'Options' for pupils when they are in Year 8, ready to start them in Year 9. However, I am writing to inform you that, as stated under the curriculum on our website, we will once again be moving to a three-year Key Stage 3 for Years 7-9 and Key Stage 4 will comprise Years 10-11 only in 2020-21. Therefore, pupils will not be presented with their new curriculum until they are in Year 9 in 2020-21, rather than in Year 8 during 2019-20.

The move to the three-year Key Stage 4 was made with valid reasons, allowing pupils to have enough time to focus on ever demanding Key Stage 4 courses and ensure that the content was covered effectively.

Since then, we have continued to reflect on our practice and the quality of our curriculum to ensure that we are giving the best provision for our pupils and also to meet external expectations. This has meant we have been focusing on what we are teaching in Key Stage 3 and the rationale behind it, which has enabled us to look at how we can more suitably prepare pupils for Key Stage 4 and continue to offer breadth to the curriculum in Key Stage 3. It also gives us the time to foster a greater understanding of the knowledge and skills within each subject.

It is appropriate that you are made aware of these changes now and be reassured that the decisions made are done so for the correct reasons, with a view to providing an enhanced version of what was there before.

Should you wish to discuss this further, then do please contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely,



Mr R. Featherstone  
Deputy Headteacher