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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 9 Options

You may be aware that this week we have launched the next stage of our academy timetable. This version of the timetable has allowed us to reintroduce a full complement of option subjects to students in years 9, 10 and 11 while still operating within the latest DFE health and safety guidelines. At key times of the day, students are now leaving their form rooms and transitioning within their respective year group zones to take part in option subjects. As this is a new system for both staff and students to get used to, we opted to launch the timetable this week to afford ourselves time over half term to review and amend any issues that may arise.

This is an exciting time, particularly for Year 9 who will experience their option subjects for the first time. However, I am aware that some students in the year group have not received an exact match of option subjects to the ones they may have chosen as a first choice, or back up subject. For this, I can only apologise.

It is of the utmost importance to us as an academy that students have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding in as many subjects of their choice as possible. This week we have been able to identify the source of the issue and have started to review all students' option subjects to ensure they match to the preferences made. Students with any amendments needed will receive a new timetable ready for after half term.

As always with option choices, there will be a greater demand for some subjects than we have spaces available, however we will endeavour to ensure each student studies as many of their first choice subjects as possible.

When we start to approach of final few weeks before Christmas, Miss Seijo Marks, Head of Year 9 will check in with all students regarding their experiences within each option subject to date. At this point, there will be a final opportunity for any minor option changes to take place prior to the New Year.

Yours sincerely

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