



## **Letter regarding planned curriculum changes in GCSE Religious Studies, Computer Science and ICT**

Dear parent/ carer

I am writing to update you on the curriculum provision for your son/daughter for the forthcoming year with regards to the changes outlined by Mr Carlin in his recent correspondence. As you are aware we have been working to ensure that we work within the guidance issued by the Department for Education around wider reopening of schools in September whilst ensuring that pupils in Year 11 will have as broad and balanced curriculum as possible as well as enabling them catch up on any gaps in learning, particularly in core subjects.

In order to facilitate this, we have redesigned our current curriculum to maximise lessons in English, Maths and Science whilst maintaining provision in humanities as well as their option subjects. In order to facilitate this essential catch up in the core subjects we will not be running GCSE Religious Studies or Computer Science/ ICT lessons in the conventional school day. However, we are aware some students will be anxious to continue GCSE Religious Studies and/ or Computer Science/ ICT qualifications. In order to provide an opportunity for those who wish to do so we are providing an opportunity for students to undertake these lessons as part of the EPS sessions taking place in the period 6 lesson outlined by Mr Carlin in his letter on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of July. This is additional time built into the school day that we will be using for compulsory EPS sessions. This means that students can continue these subjects but will be utilising EPS time to do so.

In order to let us know your child's preference with regards to this, you simply need to fill in the questionnaire Mr Farrar will be sending out via text link:

- Continue to study GCSE Religious Studies in EPS time at the expense of some EPS in other subjects
- Continue Computer Science/ ICT in EPS time at the expense of some EPS in other subjects
- Continue both GCSE Religious Studies and Computer Science/ ICT at the expense of EPS in other subjects
- No longer study either GCSE Religious Studies or Computer Science/ ICT in order to use EPS to focus on other subjects.

The survey to do this will be sent to you via a survey monkey link at the point of this letter being distributed today. If you have any concerns or wish to contact us with regard to this, please do not hesitate myself or Mr Farrar in school. Please can I ask you to complete the survey by noon on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July.

Also can I just remind all parents and students that Year 10 lessons are not scheduled to run in the final week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> July. All Year 10 students have now completed all of their return sessions to school.

Thanks for your continued support

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Vice Principal



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