



**Re: Change to MCA Options Process**

Dear Parent/Carer

I am sure that you will be aware that we would normally be starting the GCSE Options process at this time of the year.

Our curriculum is designed as a seven year scheme of learning progressing from Year 7 through to Year 13. The National Curriculum is designed around students studying the full range of subjects until the end of Year 9, ensuring a broad and balanced foundation prior to selecting which subjects to discontinue in Years 10 and 11. Until this year we have allowed students to make this decision at the end of Year 8. With the disruption to learning over the past two academic years and the need to ensure that solid foundations have been established, we will be reverting back to a three year Key Stage 3 with students selecting their GCSE Options in Year 9.

Our curriculum is engaging, rich and ambitious for all of our students. We want the full breadth of subjects to be part of your child's learning journey for another year. A longer period of sustained study will ensure that they benefit from the full range of opportunities each subject can offer as well as allowing them to make a more informed choice in Year 9 when they will choose to specialise parts of their curriculum.

We believe this decision is in the best interests of our students. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss this change, please do not hesitate to contact me by email [james.oxley@mca.attrust.org.uk](mailto:james.oxley@mca.attrust.org.uk).  
Yours sincerely

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