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Dear Parents/Guardian

Curriculum Update – September 2022

As part of our ongoing review process, we routinely evaluate our curriculum offer at both Key Stage 3 and 4 to ensure that we are both National Curriculum compliant and offering our students provision that is both broad, balanced and providing them the best opportunity for success in Post 16 provision and beyond.

Please find a summary of the changes we are making for September 2022 below:

Computing: You will know that in September 2020 we successfully re-introduced Computing to the curriculum and we are now able to increase the allocated timetable time in Key Stage 3 meaning that students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will have a lesson a week

Religious Education: We are also now able to re-introduce Religious Education as a discreet subject at Key Stage 3 rather than being taught as units within the PHSE timetabled lessons. Again, students will have a lesson a week.

In Year 9, students will have a lesson of PHSE a week, rather than fortnight. There will be increased focus on maintaining positive mental health and work around careers aspirations. In Years 7 & 8 students will retain their lesson a fortnight.

In order to create the capacity for these changes students will no longer have a discreet weekly Dance lesson. Instead, the statutory Dance curriculum will be delivered as modules through the PE department's lesson allocations. We are lucky to have retained Ms Gardner within our staff team who will ensure the rigour and standard of delivery of these units is maintained.

Please see the full distribution of lessons below:

Subject	Hours per fortnight
Maths	8
English	8
Science	7
Geography	3
History	3
French	3
Art	2
Food / Design & Technology	2
Computing	2
Drama	2
Music	2
RE	2
PHSE	2
PE	4
TOTAL	50

In September I will share with you details of what will be taught in each subject across the year.

As the school continues to grow (our anticipated intake for September 2022 in Year 7 is over 110) we will be in a better position to continue to review the curriculum offer with particular reference to our Languages provision whereby we are hopeful for September 2024 we will be able to have a second language on offer to students. We will continue to update you on this progress over the next 2 years.

Yours faithfully

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Emma Bliss
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