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Dear parent/carer,

SUBJECT: Year 9 Options Process Update

Due to some unavoidable staffing changes, the option blocks for Year 9 have had to be adjusted to ensure that subject specialists are delivering these qualifications. In an effort to finalise choices as quickly as possible so that we can confirm the subjects that your child will be studying for next year, we have met with every Year 9 present today to discuss this and offer guidance or support where appropriate. We have attempted to address this quickly, as I recognise that the process has been elongated, for which we apologise, and we want to be in a position to provide official confirmation as soon as possible.

We have made every effort to fairly and comprehensively block the subjects in a manner that facilitates a subject expert to deliver them.

Once we have spoken with the remaining pupils when they are next in attendance, hopefully this week, we shall work as quickly as possible to ratify these choices and inform your child of their confirmed GCSE subjects.

Thank you very much for your patience and support with this process. As I'm sure you can appreciate, we want the very best for every child, so ensuring that all subjects are taught by experts is vital to ensuring a high standard of education.

Yours sincerely,

Miss G Ireland
Deputy Headteacher

