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Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our regular curriculum review process, I am writing to advise you of a change to our current curriculum structure that will affect your child in the forthcoming year.

With the abolition of Key Stage 3 SATs, taken at the end of Year 9, many schools have chosen to end Key Stage 3 at the end of Year 8 and teach Key Stage 4 courses over three years rather than two. We have carefully followed the progress of some of these schools, including those as successful as our own, and carefully evaluated these curriculum structures. We have now taken the decision to introduce a full three-year Key Stage 4 starting with next year's Year 9. This means that subjects now taught in Year 9 will be at GCSE standard following the appropriate examination board syllabus.

The academy holds an Information and Guidance Evening called the Year 8 Options Evening in April. ***The original date for this evening was Thursday 19th March 2015. This has now been changed to Thursday 23rd April 2015.***

A more detailed programme for the evening will be distributed nearer the time and your attendance will be a very important part of this decision-making process for you and your child.

If you have any questions about this then please contact either Mr Siddall or Mr Yarwood.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Principal

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