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Dear Parent or Carer

As those of you who attended the Open Parents' meeting on Tuesday 15 May will be aware, the school has been conducting a thorough review of the curriculum offer and structure.

I am writing to inform you that we will be extending the Key Stage 3 Skills curriculum into Year 9 and so options for GCSE will begin in Year 10. This is a decision that has been carefully considered and is reflective of the following:

- The new GCSEs are designed to be more demanding. Therefore it is vital that students are well prepared for this stage of their education with an in-depth Key Stage 3 programme offering a depth and breadth of learning.
- GCSE examinations assess a student's ability to apply their subject knowledge and understanding. Therefore, time is required to develop deeper knowledge and greater skills of analysis and application. This will be vital for students' academic success in GCSE and beyond.
- The opportunity to provide an exciting and engaging curriculum for all students.

As a school we are committed to supporting positive change that will benefit your son/daughter. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on admin@adeyfield.herts.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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