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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 of a change to the school curriculum to reflect the depth and content of the GCSE Specifications for each subject. This would result in a reduction of one option subject at GCSE and ensure more time is given to the core subjects and remaining options as your son/daughter moves from Year 9 into 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. By reducing the number of subjects that students take, it provides additional curriculum time to develop a deeper understanding of each subject.
- Furthermore, student feedback is clear that they feel 'overwhelmed' by the volume of work expected in each subject. By removing one subject from their curriculum it will allow students to secure their knowledge and understanding in their subjects whilst reducing pressure.
- All students will be able to maximise their performance and achievement at GCSE to enable clear steps into Post 16 education and beyond.

This change will be communicated to students through assemblies and all students will have an individual interview in the weeks immediately after the May half-term break. Students will receive prior notification of their interview date and time. Should you wish to attend the interview with your son/daughter please let me know via email: admin@adeyfield.herts.sch.uk

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.

Yours sincerely

Mr D. Griggs
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Look smart. Be polite. Work hard.

