

14 February 2020

Dear Parents,

Traditionally at Knole Academy students have selected their GCSE options in Year 8. However, following a thorough review of the curriculum, we have decided to move this process back to Year 9. This decision has been taken to allow students to continue to study KS3 subjects in more depth and we also believe that the nature of the reformed GCSEs does not suit study over three years.

In Year 7 and 8 students will have studied; art, art technology, dance, design technology, drama, food technology, ICT/computer science and music. We do recognise that some students will already know that they no longer wish to continue with some of these creative and technical subjects as a GCSE option. Therefore, to enable students to have a curriculum that suits their interests, they will be asked to rank these subjects in order of preference, from which we will endeavour to give them their top 4 choices to study in Year 9.

In addition, all students in Year 9 will continue to study a core programme of maths, English, French, science, history, geography, RS, PE and citizenship.

To assist students and parents in understanding this process we would like you to be aware of some events that we are staging in the near future.

Year 8 assemblies (for students): Week beginning Monday 2 March 2020

Y8 Parents' Evening: Thursday 5 March 2020, 2pm to 6.30pm

In Year 9 students will undertake a full GCSE options process to select the subjects they wish to study until the end of Year 11. Details of these events will be provided nearer the time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Elliott
Deputy Headteacher Curriculum