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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Options

I am writing to inform you of the GCSE Options process for students that are in Year 8 at St Peter and St Paul Catholic Voluntary Academy. For information, **students currently in Year 8 will not start their GCSE studies until Year 10 and, as such, will not need to choose their options until midway through Year 9, next academic year.** The reasons for this are as follows:

- From September 2020, the Academy is following a new curriculum model where Key Stage 3 will be Year 7, 8 and 9 to give adequate time to all subjects to teach all the required content, knowledge and skills to enable students to be as successful as possible at Key Stage 4.
- The current situation of students not being in school full time will allow staff to effectively plan the remaining content for when students do return in order to prepare them effectively for their GCSE option choices.

We will, therefore, be back in contact with you during next academic year to inform you and your child of the options process in preparation for when they are in Year 10.

If you have any questions or concerns about this then please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

Yours sincerely



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