



14<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Over the last year, we have undertaken some significant development work to plan a refreshed, enriching and engaging curriculum that truly sets up students to achieve well, but also to have the life skills, knowledge and characteristics required to be a success in life, past Garibaldi.

We would like the students to have had as broad an experience possible and the opportunities to study a broad range of subjects in more depth, in order to make effective choices at Key Stage 4.

As a result, students will not choose their options subjects until they are in year 9, with the GCSE pathways beginning in September of Year 10. This is a change from the last three years where options have been decided in Year 8 ready to begin in year 9.

The timetable and curriculum structure has been redesigned to give students the guided learning hours necessary to make the very most of their Key Stage 4 career.

I will over the coming months, add further information to the "curriculum" section on the school website for parents and students to view the programmes of study for each subject.

I will write to you again when your child starts Year 9 to inform you of the key dates for the options process once the calendar has been published.

Many thanks for your continued support

Yours faithfully

Mr J Aldred  
Head of School