

## Oak Academy

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**Principal:** Mr R Burgas



26<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Re: Year 9 GCSE Options 2018-19**

We are pleased to confirm your son/daughter's curriculum and GCSE options choices that they will begin studying in September 2018.

Students will study the subjects that they have chosen for the next three years and will sit their final GCSE examinations in 2021. We have developed a three-year Key Stage 4 programme in response to new, tougher GCSE specifications and to give students the time needed to study in the depth required at this level.

As you may be aware, there have been a number of recent changes to the education system and the way in which students' success will be measured in 2021. We have therefore ensured our curriculum meets the needs of all students and helps them make progress in all subjects. Students have been interviewed to help them make choices that are personalised and well informed.

The personalised letter sent home shows your son/daughter's curriculum for 2018-19 with explanatory notes for each part of it.

We will make sure that these courses are right for each student in September. Students will be able to request changes to different options if group sizes permit in the first few weeks when we return, but this must be done through discussion with myself only. We must make any necessary changes by October half term. Beyond this, students will not be allowed to change options because they will have missed too much course content.

We hope students are looking forward to starting their curriculum next year and trust that they will return to school in September recharged and ready to learn: the next stage of their GCSE journey will soon begin!

If you would like more information about the Year 8 into 9 options process or the GCSE curriculum, please contact me at school.

Yours Sincerely

Mr J Cornish

Vice Principal

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**Year 9 Curriculum 2018-19**

Curriculum area	Subjects studied	Hours	Explanatory notes
<b>Core Subjects</b>	English	5	Gaining a good pass in these subjects is essential to gain a post 16 place at 6 <sup>th</sup> form or college. Students study English Language and English Literature.
	Maths	4	
	Science	6	Students study for a double award in Science, equivalent to two GCSEs
<b>GCSE options</b>	Ebacc Option	2	These are the subjects that your son/daughter has chosen to study.
	Option X	2	
	Option Y	2	
	Option Z	2	
<b>Other compulsory subjects</b>	Core PE	2	Helping students understand the need to keep fit and maintain a healthy lifestyle is part of a school's responsibility
	Learning for Life	1	This subject teaches students about a range of Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural issues relevant to 21 <sup>st</sup> century Britain
	Enrichment	1.5	This will give students the chance to take part in an engaging "after school club" within school hours.

Please complete and return the reply slip below:

**I have received and read the Year 8 GCSE Options Letter**

Name of Student .....

Tutor group .....

Name of parent .....

Signature of parent .....

Date .....

Please ask your son or daughter to return this slip to their tutor