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Dear Year 9 Students and Parents/Carers,

### **Year 9 Future Pathways (Options) – Update on curriculum changes**

Year 9 is an important year for you and this summer term we have begun to reflect some changes in your timetabled lessons to prepare you for your future GCSE's. All of you will have been timetabled for either history or geography this half term based on your earlier option choices. This is to prepare you and give you an introduction to the GCSE course you will be studying. Some of you will also be in different groups for languages; some of you are continuing with Spanish whilst some of you are doing language skills preparation for GCSE with our new Head of MFL, Ms Marzin. Alternatively, for those not continuing with a language, you will be using this term to investigate and lead on a project qualification and developing your independent learning skills.

Many of you will be wondering about your options and what you have been assigned. To clarify, all of your choices have been inputted but I will not be able to update you on what you have been allocated until the next half term. This is as a result of a number of factors. 1. Following the release of School Performance Tables last term, some courses are still waiting for final approval from the Department for Education. There will be an update in the Summer term and we will then know which courses are eligible to run. 2. Possibilities of staff movement up to the end of May might affect courses being run.

As such, in discussion with Mrs Franceschi, I will be looking to finalise option courses in the next half term. As before, you will still have the opportunity once you receive further communication from me, to look at your offer and possibly make changes.

I hope this update is useful. If you do have any questions, please do feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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