



THE FULHAM BOYS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to the Year 9 curriculum & options process

As a school we are constantly evaluating our provision so that we can continue to offer an outstanding education to all of our boys. When it comes to the curriculum, we ask questions such as 'What are the boys learning?', 'Why are they learning it?', and 'Why are they learning it *now*?'. Our aim is for our curriculum to be ambitious, foster academic excellence and give boys a breadth of learning. Alongside this, as a school we highly value our Christian ethos, co-curricular offer, sporting provision and events such as Eisteddfod and Enterprise Week.

After a period of evaluation we have decided to change the curriculum for Year 9 from September 2024. This will mean that subjects that boys can choose at Key Stage 4 ('options' subjects) will be studied from the beginning of Year 9. This will give them the time to study these subjects in real depth.

We are keen to maintain the breadth of subjects and learning that boys encounter for as long as possible. For this reason all boys will continue to have a rotation of Music, Art and Drama lessons (which will not be examined) over the course of Year 9. Boys will also study both History and Geography until the end of Year 9, at which point they will choose which GCSE to continue with. They will continue to have a PE lesson, sports afternoons and co-curricular.

This means that boys in Year 8 will need to make their decision about which options subjects to study this term. There will therefore be a combined Year 8 and Year 9 Options Evening on Wednesday 21st February. It will run from 5.30pm until 7.30pm and there will be an opportunity to meet teachers and find out about the subjects on offer. There will be talks from the Headmaster and others about the process (for Year 8) at 6pm. This is a really important stage in the boys' education and it is expected that parents will be very involved. We strongly encourage all Year 8 parents and boys to attend.

Best wishes,

David Smith
Headmaster