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Dear Parents/Guardians

**KEY STAGE 3**

There have been discussions on 'Facebook' that the school will not be undertaking Key Stage 3 if we move to having an intake of Year 7 students.

Key Stage 3 is a list of compulsory subjects schools have to deliver, which are English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Modern Foreign Languages, Art, Design & Technology, Music, ICT and PE. We will be undertaking all of these subjects with our new Year 7 students, if the proposal to change age range is approved. We will also be adding Expressive Arts and some vocational elements.

Although the DfE dictates the subjects that have to be taught, they do not dictate what the content has to be. Therefore, we will be planning these subjects around the development of skills and knowledge needed to be able to access GCSEs, so that the step up to GCSEs in Year 9 is not so great. It will also give students the ability to develop their independence and higher level thinking skills, as well as offering taster courses for them, to be able to make informed choices for their GCSE options. We will also ensure all students study a language (where appropriate) and both Geography and History, as separate subjects, up until Year 9. They will then choose to continue to study either Geography or History, along with one language up to GCSE, as part of their option choices.

I hope this clears up any misunderstanding regarding the curriculum that will be followed, if the school changes it's age range.

Yours faithfully

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Principal