

Dear Parents/Carers,

We wanted to highlight some changes to our curriculum which will come into effect from September 2024. This comes in response to student feedback and ongoing review of student projected outcomes - we strive to enable our students to achieve the very best they can.

From September, students will continue to study a broad and balanced curriculum but with adjusted hours, allowing additional time on Core Subjects and their Option subjects. To do this, we are combining Modern Britain and PSE, to form a new core offer of RSHE. Students will study RSHE for one hour a fortnight and will cover key topics and questions to get them thinking about, and considering, the wider world and ethics. This will be a non-examined subject, to minimise the pressure on students, and enabling them to focus on their other examined subjects.

We understand that some students may wish to continue their current study in Modern Britain though and thus be entered for an examination in this subject at the end of Year 11 (sitting a Religious Studies exam). Students are three quarters of the way through their GCSE in Modern Britain and may wish to add to their achievements in Year 11 by completing the GCSE course. As well as the aforementioned core offer, we will also offer these students a weekly twilight session with a subject expert, to ensure they are ready for their exam at the end of Key Stage 4.

If your child would like to continue with this qualification, please complete the short Google Form by following this link (deadline is Thursday 28th March): https://forms.gle/jwYkUzrM8Q3oRQdA7

If your child does not wish to continue with Modern Britain, then you do not need to complete the form.

We are confident that the revised curriculum will support all students in achieving a positive set of results, enabling them to progress onto their next steps.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Oakes Head of School

