



Community College

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Dear Parents and carers,

Year 8

The National Curriculum at Key Stage 3 requires students to follow a broad and balanced curriculum and ensure they have access to a wide range of subjects on offer. In order to provide students with this curriculum - including opportunities to do subjects in depth such as modern foreign language, and a full range of visual and performing arts - our key stage 3 curriculum follows government recommendations and so continues until the end of year 9.

This is common practice in a majority of secondary schools in the country. Students will choose their option subjects during Year 9 to study for GCSE in Year 10 & 11.

Due to the impact of the pandemic this year, and the impact and disruption caused, students will begin their 'Year 9' timetable after May half term. This will support them immensely in hitting the ground running in September where we are hopeful they will have an uninterrupted year with a consistent teacher.

All of this information will be explained to students in their next assembly.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via email: [cfollett@sdcc.net](mailto:cfollett@sdcc.net).

Yours faithfully

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Vice Principal

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