



20th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

In order to ensure all students have the best opportunity to achieve their highest possible grades in this summer's examinations, we will be conducting a review of the subjects studied by each individual student in Year 11. We aim to provide additional curriculum time for students to develop their knowledge and understanding in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science. It is essential that students achieve their highest possible grades in these core subjects as these are the subjects which will determine the extent of educational and employment opportunities open to them on leaving the college.

The process for reviewing each individual student's curriculum has already begun with an assembly designed to explain the choices and changes to all students. This has been followed by interviews with each individual student to determine their exact needs and aspirations.

Currently all students study for a qualification in either Religious Education or Citizenship, as well as three other option subjects. To create the additional time for core subjects, students will reduce their subjects by being withdrawn from one of these four subjects. Students have been asked to rank the subjects in order of preference. We will endeavour to ensure that all student preferences are met, but this may not be possible in all cases.

Please note that students will not be swapping subjects or choosing additional subjects to study and they will not be disadvantaged as the remaining qualifications they will achieve are appropriate for progressing into further education, apprenticeship or employment.

To reassure you, this is a strategy that has led to **significant** improvements in outcomes in other schools where it has been implemented and we are confident that, in the same way, this will be a key strategy for improving outcomes for Denton Community College students.

If you need any further information, please contact the team here at school.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "d.c.", is positioned above the printed name of the Acting Headteacher.

Donald Cumming
Acting Headteacher