



20<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

In order to ensure that all our 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 10. 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.

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 To create the additional time for core subjects, students will reduce their subjects by being withdrawn from one of these four subjects.

Your son/daughter's current Y10 subject allocation has been given to them and they have been asked to rank their 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. The form must be returned to their form tutor by the end of this week.

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 this will be a key strategy for improving outcomes for Denton Community College students.

If your child was absent today, their form will be available to collect from their form tutor. This must be returned back to their form tutor, completed and signed, by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

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 below the "Yours faithfully," text.

Donald Cumming  
Acting Headteacher