

Dear Parents and Carers

Curriculum and exams update

Monday 19th June 2017 has been a really exciting day for us, not only because we have started our new school year but also because some of our new courses have had their first lessons today too.

Fashion and Textiles, Enterprise and Marketing, Photography, Performing Arts and Materials Technology are just some of the new courses that our Y9 and Y10 students have embarked upon today. I have been into many of these lessons during the course of the day and it is great to see our students taking on board the new challenges and learning that these courses have to offer.

Most of our students are going to have the following exams to take at the end of Y11, most of which have 3 exams each (I have put the number of qualification in brackets): Maths (1), English Literature (1), English Language (1), Science (2 or 3), Geography or History or French or German or Computer Science (1), Choice1 (1), Choice 2 (1), Choice 3 (1).

This is 8, 9 or 10 GCSEs for our students.

We have listened to Parents too. We always welcome feedback and, having listened to a number of parents views on the addition of this course and the pressure of an extra GCSE and early entry, we have made a change in the best interest of our students.

For the above reasons, we are not running Citizenship for Y9 and Y10 as an examined course. Instead, we are ensuring that the topics which are studied in this course are covered throughout our PSHCE programme (contact Mr Darling Assistant Head becttd@beckfoot.org for more information) and through our Wider Learning Days when our timetable is suspended. Our young people have to remain happy and healthy during this busy period in their life and we want them to have the time to explore their other interests such as Sports, Arts, Drama/Dance, Music, Leadership and Duke of Edinburgh to give a selection of things on offer.

As ever, if you have any questions about your child's timetable please don't hesitate to contact the school.