



The Astley Cooper School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Year 8 Curriculum Changes

I am writing to inform you that the school has decided that Year 8 students will no longer be selecting their GCSE options this academic year. Instead, we will be moving to a three year Key Stage 3 and a two year Key Stage 4. This means that your child will now be selecting their GCSE Options at the end of Year 9 and will study their GCSE options in Year's 10 and Year 11.

By making these changes, your child will be studying a wider range of subjects for longer at Key Stage 3 and this will provide more time for your child to select their options appropriately. Your child will be studying a similar curriculum to that in Year 8. However, Year 9 will provide a time for your child to further develop their knowledge of skills, techniques and concepts to prepare them for Key Stage 4.

Should you wish to discuss this further, Mrs Goodchild, Mr Hall and I will be available on Tuesday 12 February 2019 from 5:00pm to 6:00pm in main school hall.

Alternatively, you can contact me at T.lally@astleycooper.herts.sch.uk Mrs Goodchild at Julie.Goodchild@astleycooper.herts.sch.uk or Mr Hall on S.hall@astleycooper.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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