



St Edward's School

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Tuesday 6th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on a temporary curriculum change for all Key Stage 3 students as we start the new academic year.

At the end of last term, we said our farewells to Mr Sloan and Miss Foster Mitchell who both moved for promotions in other schools.

You may be aware of the ongoing national problem around teacher recruitment in some subject areas and as school we have, up to this point been unaffected by this. Employing teachers is so important and we are totally committed to ensuring we recruit the best teachers we can to teach and contribute to the development of the young people at our school.

Following two rounds of recruitment for Music and a number of applications from across the country we are really pleased that Mrs Lauren Keene is going to be leading the music department in the year ahead. We were, however, unable to appoint a second Music teacher to a role which is so important. Rather than employ someone to, 'fill a vacancy', we took the decision to pause and re advertise during the new academic year to ensure we had the best possible teachers to deliver our music curriculum moving forwards.

With only one music teacher, we have decided to temporarily reduce Music from two hours down to one over a fortnightly cycle. With the additional hour created, we have devised a programme which will be focussing on the development of skills for deepening learning, and furthering our students' knowledge and skills in ICT. We will continue to offer the usual range of extra-curricular and peripatetic music provision for our students.

As always, please do contact your son or daughters Director of Learning if you have further questions regarding this or any other matter and I would again like to take the opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Barnett
Deputy Headteacher