



St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

6th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

From September 2023, we will be making some changes to our KS4 Curriculum. Following a curriculum review in the light of DfE guidance, we have taken the decision to move Modern Foreign Languages into the core curriculum.

Our curriculum is designed to open as many future doors as possible for our young people and has taken into account national surveys on skills shortages, where employers have said they lacked workers who can speak a foreign language (with German and French in highest demand).

As a result we are enabling our students to follow 10 GCSE courses, and for the first time, a clear creative pathway through their GCSE programme of learning.

For the small number of students who do not currently study a language we will be in contact to discuss a more personalised curriculum towards the end of the term.

During the final week of this half term, we will be asking all Year 9 students to take part in a trial options process. We will simply ask for their initial thoughts about subjects that they would like to study. This information will not be used as a final choice but will allow us to look at potential blocking, group sizes and staffing. Following this process, their current selection will be deleted.

We will be inviting all parents and carers to attend an information evening on January 19th, where we will be sharing key information and explaining the process of selecting options. More information will follow nearer the time.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support as we plan this exciting KS4 curriculum for our Year 9 students.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. C Barnett
Deputy Headteacher