



Dear Parents and Carers,

Some of you will be aware that the Samworth Church Academy offers several interventions to help students achieve as well as they can. There are three main types of intervention; period 6, one-to-one tuition and option-intervention.

Period 6 intervention sessions are after-school and run for an hour. We usually offer these sessions for English, Maths, Science, RS and option subjects. These sessions are by invite but are compulsory for those who are asked to attend. Some students may go to several of these each week.

One-to-one sessions are short 30-minute sessions for English, Maths and Science with tutors who work with individuals or small groups of students. The students will come out of half a lesson of other subjects to attend their session. Students are selected according to who we feel will benefit most from a regular, personalised session with a tutor.

Option-intervention is a large time commitment for students (3 additional lessons a week) in English, Maths or Science.

- If offered, this would mean that each student drops one of their option subjects – resulting in one fewer GCSE – and have three extra lessons in English, Maths or Science.
- The Academy will guide students as to which subject they should drop or give them a choice; sometimes we will say that a certain subject cannot be dropped.
- Usually students will be selected for additional lessons in a single subject – e.g. Maths, but sometimes there might be a split focus for students: one lesson of English and two of Science. These decisions are made with the individual's best interests in mind.
- The final decision over whether the student drops a subject will be with the student and their parents/carers: we will not force anyone to drop a subject.
- The intention is that this will be finalised before September or as soon as possible given the current circumstances.

Over the next few weeks, we will be contacting students and parents/carers of those we think would benefit from option-intervention to discuss their individual offer. We do understand that for some students we might only be able to offer dropping the one subject they really want to continue studying: this will be a hard decision for both students and parents/carers. However, it is important to remember that we will not force any student to drop a subject, we will merely explain why we are suggesting it.

We will not contact those students for whom we are not considering the option-intervention. If a student is not recommended for option-intervention, it does not mean we are ignoring them: it might be that they are achieving well and do not need this level of intervention; it might be that one-to-one tuition or period 6 sessions will be more suited to their needs. We have considered each Year 10 student individually.

If you would like to ask any general questions about the process please e-mail me at [gmill@tscacademy.org.uk](mailto:gmill@tscacademy.org.uk) and I will reply as soon as possible. Otherwise we will be in touch regarding individual interventions as necessary in the coming weeks and months.

Thank you in advance for your support during this important process.

Yours sincerely

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