



Monday, 24th May 2021

Dear Parents,

Current Year 8 into Year 9 GCSE Taster Choices

At this time in the school year, as they prepare to enter the final part of Key Stage 3, we ask our Year 8 students to make some choices about the curriculum that they study.

In Year 9 alongside the current core curriculum of English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, RE, Spanish, PHSCE and PE, we allow students to specialise in some of the creative and technology subjects. This taster year enables students to study two subjects in depth; focusing on the elements of the curriculum which interest them the most. It can also act as a preparation for their GCSE options at the end of Year 9. In order to go on to choose any particular subject at GCSE level, students must opt for the choice in Year 9.

The subjects that are available to choose from are:

- Art & Design
- Computing
- Drama
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- French
- Music

Along with this letter, you will find a booklet detailing the different course choices that are available and key information that you will need to know.

Please could you take the time to read through this information carefully and discuss this opportunity with your son/daughter.

On Wednesday I will deliver an assembly to the Year Group and set a task on ClassCharts where your son/daughter will be able to select their choices. In the majority of cases, students will be offered their first choices – in some subjects, however, places may be limited due to class size and health and safety. Students must complete the Class Charts task by Friday 28th May.

If you have any queries regarding this please contact me on t.mclardy@tarletonacademy.org.

Yours sincerely,

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