

Dear Parents/ Carers of children in Year 9,

I am writing to you today to give details about our possible curriculum offer for children in Year 9 who will begin Key Stage 4 in September. This is the start of a range of information you will receive prior to children making option choices and the first phase of this work requires some feedback from parents/ carers and children.

We are very excited to be able to offer something new, different and specialist to complement the range of courses we already offer in school. The hope is that with this additional offer we are able to widen the range of subjects that children study in key stage 4 and link closely into the needs of the local area in terms of future employment.

[A presentation to explain this offer is here.](#)

### **What could Key Stage 4 look like for children?**

There are some subjects that children **must** study up until 16. This is called the core curriculum. These subjects are: -

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Science
- RE
- PSHE
- PE

At Unity, students do not take an exam in RE, PSHE or PE unless they opt for the subject.

In addition to this, children will be able to choose 3 options to study in school. Details about the subjects they can choose from will be covered at our options evening on the 8th February 2024.

On top of this, in a new and exciting offer, students are able to pursue a course at either Blackpool and Fylde College or Myerscough College on a Friday afternoon should they wish to. This will mean that they don't finish until later on a Friday. It is this offer we need feedback about.

[The offer is explained here](#) and the [slides are here](#). In order for us to begin planning, we need feedback from children and parents as to whether this is something they would like to pursue. Students who don't pursue this offer will study another area in school.

Please discuss this offer with your child. They will be asked to give us an indication as to whether they will be interested on Friday. We will only collect numbers. We do not need

names or course choices at this stage. We would really like to get a gauge of support from parents for this as well, once you have watched the presentation and viewed the slides. [Could you please click here to indicate whether this is something you would be interested in your child doing next year knowing the obligations that are covered in the presentation.](#)

I am sure you will have other questions about this offer. We will answer these in the coming weeks. This first stage is to enable us to gather some idea about numbers to support plans going forward. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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