Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the changes we are making to the Academy’s curriculum in time for September 2019.

Year 8 students this year will not be choosing their Key stage 4 options but instead will have an extended Key Stage 3 which will prepare them for the demands of GCSE level qualifications. We have discovered from analysing from Year 9 that students need to develop their learning skills and secure greater subject knowledge if they are to make a first positive step within these more demanding qualifications.

The second significant change to the curriculum will be the reintroduction of lessons on a Wednesday afternoon in September. To accommodate the breadth of curriculum we wish to introduce, we would like to utilise the extra lessons to ensure the school delivers high quality Personal, Social and Health Education as well as ensuring the Academy meets its statutory obligation to deliver Religious Education to all students. By returning to a normal timetable (8.40 till 3pm) on Wednesday for all students we feel we will be able to ensure we keep the balance of the curriculum without constraining the range of subjects we currently offer.

I would welcome your thoughts and feedback on the above changes to our curriculum using the email address parentfeedback@georgesalter.com. Consultation is open until 20th March 2019. I look forward to working with you in supporting your child achieve their full potential.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Foskett
Vice Principal