



Principal: John Dixon

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Dear Parents/Carers

As part of our drive to ensure the best outcomes for our students, we regularly review our curriculum offer. As a result of our most recent review it has been agreed by the Halley Academy Governing Body that from September 2020, the academy will implement a 3-year Key Stage 3 (Year 7 to Year 9) and 2-year Key Stage 4 (Year 10 to Year 11) curriculum offer. We believe that a 3-year Key Stage 3 will more thoroughly and rigorously embed the skills and knowledge for students to be successful at Key Stage 4, as well as ensuring that they enjoy a comprehensive and full curriculum for a longer period of time.

In addition, it will enable us to further develop the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP), which has proved to be highly successful. Since launching the Middle Years Programme in September 2018, Key Stage 3 students have begun to acquire a range of highly effective independent learning skills.

Consequently, students will now take their options for Key Stage 4 at the end of Year 9, instead of Year 8, as is currently the case. Therefore, no students will be choosing their GCSE/BTEC options this year. For students in Year 8, they will choose their options during Year 9. For students currently in Year 9 and above, their studies will continue as normal.

In order to aid planning and preparation for the curriculum change, there will be two additional INSET days taking place this academic year. The dates are as follows:

- Friday 3 April 2020
- Monday 29 June 2020

Students will not be required to attend the academy on these dates.

Please find attached updated term dates for 2019/2020.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

John Dixon
Principal

Enc Term Dates 2019/2020

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