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Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to the Curriculum Structure from September 2022

Over the last year our subject leaders have been developing their curricula so that they continue to meet the needs of our current students. Our curriculum aims to help your child become a successful learner, confident individual and a responsible citizen. It also reflects values in our society which will allow them to be prepared for life in employment, further education or apprenticeship.

This year we have already seen improvements in the delivery of many of our subjects including English, Science, MFL and PSHE. As we continue to develop the curriculum, we have taken the decision to extend the length of our Key Stage 3. This means that from September 2022 all students will pick their GCSEs in Year 9 and begin them in Year 10. Our ambitious five-year plan means that our subject leaders are currently mapping when key concepts will be taught and spiralled from Year 7 until Year 11, embedding opportunities for students to become more curious learners and identifying ambitious and challenging texts.

We have taken the decision to make this change now because we believe that there are many benefits from studying a broad and balanced curriculum for as long as possible. We also believe that this change will benefit our current Year 7 cohort as the disruption caused by two lockdowns means that these students require more time building on the foundations of their knowledge and skills. This will enable them to be more confident and better equipped to learn the more complex knowledge needed at Key Stage 4.

If you have any questions about the changes to the curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me at k.farrow@stowhigh.com

Yours sincerely

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