

WOOTTON ACADEMY TRUST

Wednesday 1 July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 10 Courses and Timetable

We believe we have now completed our provisional timetable for next year and *almost* finalized appointing staff for the new academic year. I want to give you a further update on staff recruitment. Despite our best endeavours we have not been able to recruit another teacher of Business Studies which means that GCSE Business Studies will not be available next year. I am sorry that this is the case and I know from the correspondence we have received that this will continue to be a disappointment. At the moment, we are working on substituting the reserve subject for those children who selected Business Studies as their alternative option and we are doing our best to ensure that these are accommodated as far as possible.

I have already written in a newsletter that we have been able to recruit a second teacher of Food and Nutrition; this means that we can timetable the teaching groups we planned to do in this subject.

The government has made it clear it expects all pupils in all year groups to start school at the beginning of the autumn term. It has promised to publish further information by the end of this week which will outline how schools and colleges will operate in September. There is little benefit in commenting on leaked *draft* information as to what the curriculum and timetable for each year group will be in September. Once we have the guidance I hope we will be able to confirm with you at that point what your child's timetable and curriculum for Year 10. If the guidance states schools will teach the full curriculum and all option subjects to all pupils, Mr Freemantle will be able to confirm your child's timetable for the new academic year 2020 – 2021 by the end of next week. If the guidance is more radical, it may take longer. I would ask you to continue to be patient for a further period. Thank you in anticipation of your support in this respect.

Yours sincerely,

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