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Dear Year 8 Parents and Carers,

Year 8 Options

For the past three academic years at Etonbury Academy we have delivered a three year KS4 beginning in Year 9, with options taking place in Year 8. Though this has been very successful, it has also brought challenges around students picking options early and in some cases changing subjects several times at a later date.

With this in mind, along with wanting students to develop knowledge and understanding across the entire curriculum, we will be moving to a hybrid model for 2019/2020. Current Year 8 students will not be making GCSE option choices this year, however they will still start the GCSE curriculum at the beginning of Year 9. Students will receive teaching in all options available, throughout the whole of Year 9 before selecting their final GCSE options at the end of the year.

With this new model in place it will allow Year 9 students to begin GCSE learning but vitally, also allow them to gain a deeper understanding of all subjects before committing to them.

I hope this clarifies the situation as I am aware there have been questions around the matter.

Many thanks,



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