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Dear Parent/Carer and Student,

Our aim at Southam College is to provide students with a broad and balanced curriculum that enables them to enjoy their studies and be successful, both now and in their future endeavours. To achieve this we have enabled Year 9 students to study an increased number of subjects this year. To ensure there is sufficient time to study the content of the GCSE qualifications, Year 9 students will now begin the process of selecting the Option subjects they wish to continue into Year 10 and 11.

At present we are not setting a deadline for students to make their decision and return Options Forms. We will provide students with the opportunity to speak to their teachers in person to inform this decision-making process so a deadline will be set once students have returned to school. However we also wanted to give parents and students notice that these decisions will be made this academic year so that you can speak to teachers at our upcoming Parents' Evening about the courses available to students and to ask any questions you may have.

An updated Key Stage 4 Curriculum Guide is available on the curriculum section of the school's website which outlines the qualifications available to study in Year 10 and 11.

At Key Stage 4, all students will study qualifications in English Language, English Literature, Maths, and Science. They will also take part in non-examined lessons in P.E. and Character and Culture.

Students undertaking the Combined Science GCSEs will also sit GCSE Religious Studies which they will study for in their Philosophy & Ethics lessons. Students taking 3 separate Science GCSEs will take part in Philosophy & Ethics lessons but not be examined in the subject.

Students must study Geography or History and there is the option to continue with both subjects.

In addition to the qualifications outlined above, students will select 3 more subjects to study from the 4 Option subjects they have studied in Year 9. We strongly recommend that students continue studying a Modern Foreign Language.

The combination of a Humanities and MFL qualification alongside the Core qualifications in English, Maths and Science represents the nationally recognised English Baccalaureate, a combination of academic qualifications that provide a strong foundation for further academic study in Further and Higher education. This will also ensure that our students achieve a suite of qualifications that will allow them to compete with their peers nationally for higher education places and competitive employment routes.

If you have any queries please contact the school via the email address southamcollege@welearn365.com.

Yours sincerely,



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