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Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the guided pathways process our students in Year 10 - whilst in Year 8 - opted for a personal qualification pathway choosing a preferred humanities and 'open' qualification.

The original intention in 2019 when the curriculum pathways were conceived was that students would complete the majority of their qualifications at the end of Year 11 but a small number of qualifications would be examined and completed at the end of Year 10.

As I'm sure you will appreciate, students have endured a significant amount of disruption over the last two years although have admirably continued working hard to limit any disadvantage to their outcomes. Throughout the pandemic we have continually adapted our delivery methods and have developed our Covid recovery curriculum. As part of this planning and implementation we have made the decision to delay the entry for most of our qualifications that students were planning to complete in Year 10, with a view to them having the additional time in Year 11 to complete their courses.

There are some courses you will see in the table below which we still intend to complete in Year 10 however, and these decisions have been made in the best interest of the students on these courses and their current position, ensuring that they can still attain their maximum potential outcomes.

The table below details the qualifications that have been considered for delayed entry into Year 11 and the decision we have made as part of the Covid recovery curriculum planning.

Qualification	Original intended completion	Now intended to complete
Art & Design	Summer 2022	Summer 2023
I-Media	Summer 2022	Summer 2023
Design and Technology (Textiles)	Summer 2022	Summer 2022 (as intended)
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Summer 2022	Summer 2022 (as intended)
Health and Social Care	Summer 2022	Summer 2023
Music	Summer 2022	Summer 2023
Dance	Summer 2022	Summer 2023
Sport and Fitness	Summer 2022	Summer 2023
Engineering	Summer 2022	Summer 2023
Business Enterprise	Summer 2022	Summer 2023

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It has always been intended that the other qualifications that your child studies would be examined and completed in Year 11.

Our teachers, heads of department and subject directors have redeveloped the curriculum plans for all qualifications where entry has been delayed to ensure students can maximise the extended delivery time and maximise their potential.

This is one element of the extensive strategies we are implementing as part of Covid recovery to ensure we put students first and ensure excellent outcomes.

Should you have any questions about how this may impact on the outcomes of your son/daughter or how it may impact on their progression to further and higher education please contact the Academy by completing this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/sahmXizjho4ctzVo8>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andy Scruby', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andy Scruby
Principal