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Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 9 Changes to Humanities' Classes

As you will be aware your son/daughter has recently chosen their GCSE option subjects. Due to the new specification changes in Geography, History and RE there has been a substantial increase in the amount of content that needs to be covered. In addition there has been the removal of controlled assessments as part of the GCSE qualifications and as such there is more emphasis on their final exams.

As a result, the Humanities Department have created an exciting opportunity for current Year 9 students to begin the study of their chosen Humanities' subject(s); this will commence from Monday 30th April 2018.

For the majority of students who have chosen to study either History OR Geography, additional time will be gained from the subject they have chosen to no longer study at GCSE. For example if they have chosen Geography, the extra time will be taken from their current History lessons. For students who have chosen BOTH History and Geography for their GCSE, they will continue to study both, but in greater depth.

All students will be required to continue with the current RE curriculum which is already focussing on GCSE topics.

The Humanities Faculty see this as a real chance to give students a head start in their Humanities' GCSEs as it will allow for more opportunities for consolidation and revision in Key Stage 4.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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