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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I hope you and your family are well and I am delighted to have welcomed your child back to the Academy last week. I am writing to inform you of a significant change that we are making for our current year 10 cohort moving into the summer term 2021.

As you are aware, this particular year group have missed a considerable amount of learning due to the Covid-19 global pandemic. Year 10 students have missed half a year of learning as a result of the two National Lockdowns, where schools were forced to close, in addition to several weeks due to Year 10 bubble closures in Term 1 of the current academic year. This year group are also scheduled to sit their full GCSE exams in May/June 2022, with the Government being clear that these exams will take place as normal.

With this mind, the Academy have been looking at making a change to the student's curriculum. This change will ensure that students can maximise their GCSE grades and provide them with the best possible opportunity to successfully transition to their next stage of education, training or employment. As a result, from the Summer Term 2021 all current year 10 students will be required to drop one of their GCSE options to enable them to focus on ensuring they achieve the best possible outcomes in their remaining options and the core subjects (English, Maths and Science). We appreciate that this decision will mean students losing a GCSE option which they enjoy, but we feel it is imperative that we provide our students with the maximum amount of time as possible to focus on fewer subjects and secure their grades.

We have outlined the options which students are likely to need to drop and will be discussing this with students and parents/carers. Below is a timeline which highlights the key dates:

Wednesday 17th March	Assembly and letter to announce decision
w/c Monday 22nd March	1:1 student decision meetings
Tuesday 30th March	Parent meetings (by request)
Wednesday 31st March	Parent meetings (by request)
Thursday 1st April	Final decision letters sent to students & parents
Monday 19th April	New timetable begins



We will shortly be sending out information about how to set up a parental meeting to discuss this further. If you would like any further information or discussion please email njones@thewellsacademy.org or contact us via Facebook or phone (0115 748 3390)

The Academy is committed to ensuring that students receive the best possible academic support to enable them to progress to their intended destinations. We feel that these measures will have the most impact and support your child to achieve the best outcomes possible.

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times.

Kind regards,



Mr Shepherd
Proud to be Principal of The Wells Academy

