

Vision: To inspire students to become **confident, ethical and compelling** individuals with the aspiration and qualities to shape a **better future for all**.

Values: Respect, Responsibility, Curiosity and Resilience



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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 8 students,

FHS has been undertaking a review of its curriculum in response to new Ofsted framework and especially to the requirement for all schools to offer a broad and balanced curriculum. A key element of the review was making sure we offer the right curriculum for our current Year 8 students and all FHS students in the future. Year 9 will provide a foundation for GCSE study. Students will have an opportunity to study a broader curriculum for longer and to ensure that the GCSE subjects that they choose are the right ones for their futures.

The content and assessment for BTEC options is difficult to cover effectively over two years. Therefore, Year 8 students will have the opportunity to study a BTEC subject from Year 9 onwards. BTEC 'Creative Media Production' and BTEC 'Sport' will be part of this offer. For students not wishing to take a BTEC subject, they will have the opportunity to study GCSE Sociology instead; three years will provide ample time for success as students would not have studied this subject previously. Full details of these three subjects are attached to this letter.

We continually strive to work towards the best experience for our students that will increase their life chances. Please feel free to contact me on marie.cooper@foresthgh.org.uk if you have any questions regarding these issues.

Kind regards,

Ms Marie Cooper
Deputy Head