

19 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 10 into 11 Guided Pathways

You will remember from the Year 8 into 9 Guided Pathway Evening and Guided Pathway Booklet, back in January 2018, that it was planned for students currently studying Guided Pathway subjects in year 10 are expected to complete some of their courses at the end of year 10 (Summer 2021). However, after a careful review of the curriculum and the impact on the delivery of the curriculum by COVID-19, we have made the decision for all the Guided Pathway subjects currently studied by our year 10 students to continue into year 11.

The main reason for making this decision is that due to national lockdowns in March 2020 and January 2021, the full contents of the subjects have not been fully covered. Firstly, this will mean that our students will not be adequately prepared to continue studying their chosen subjects in the next stage of their education. Secondly, this also means that our students will not be sufficiently prepared to achieve their full potential. As you are aware, at Outwood Academy Portland we firmly believe that all children, irrespective of their starting point, are entitled to a broad and balanced curriculum which will enable them to succeed both whilst at the academy and beyond. We believe that this change to the curriculum will enable our students to succeed both at the academy and beyond.

In line with our vision of putting Students First, a small number of students have been identified to still complete their Guided Pathway subjects this summer (summer 2021). This is to ensure that these students get the required support in their core subjects in year 11 which will enable them to access the next stage of their education and also enhance their life chances.

In line with these changes, the curriculum in year 11 will consist of the following subjects:

English Language and English Literature – (6 hours per week)

Mathematics – (6 hours per week)

Science – (6 hours per week)

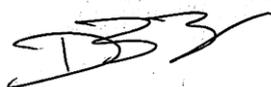
Physical Education (1 hour per week)

3 x Guided Pathway subjects (2 hours per week each)

Whilst we believe that this curriculum offers the best opportunities for future success for our students at the present time, we are continuously evaluating the resources available to deliver the courses and the Department of Education (DfE) guidance on the completion of qualifications, so they are subject to change. Should the curriculum change, we will of course keep you informed.

If you have any questions about any part of the content of this letter and the change, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Sim
Vice Principal – Deep Experience