

# THE LEIGH ACADEMY



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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Year 8 Curriculum

At The Leigh Academy it is important for us to ensure our young people are always supported to achieve their very best. Alongside this we must also ensure that we are keeping up-to-date with the national educational picture as well as the new OFSTED Education Inspection Framework.

As such we have carried out a Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 curriculum review at The Leigh Academy and in line with our colleagues in other secondaries within The Leigh Academies Trust we have made the decision to alter the length of our Key Stages and therefore the timings of the options process.

Students currently in Year 8 have been studying the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme through Year 7 and Year 8, and have been enjoying the opportunity of studying the range of subjects and developing their IB learning profiles. The benefits of a three-year Key Stage 3 are many, in that your child will continue to study a wide range of subjects until the end of Year 9, ensuring that the National Curriculum is covered fully and allows your child more time before making his/her option choices.

The changes in Key Stage 4 curriculum will also benefit students as they will have an increased number of subject lessons and more frequent contact with subject teachers through Year 10 and Year 11.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter please contact your child's Head of College in the first instance. There will also be the opportunity of an appointment with Mr Brewer, who is in charge of Curriculum, at the Year 8 Parent-Teacher afternoon on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, if you have any queries regarding options and curriculum.

The previously advertised options evening on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 will no longer take place.

There will also be a Year 8 assembly next week explaining these changes to students.

Thank you for your continuing support

Yours faithfully

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