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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 10 into 11 Guided Pathways – Information Sheet

Due to the impact of Covid 19 restrictions, and the way it has affected our students, we have decided to change the Key Stage 4 curriculum and assessment calendar for our current Year 10 students to support them in gaining the best possible results. This means that students will no longer sit exams at the end of Year 10 and all courses will continue into Year 11.

What will the curriculum at Outwood Academy Valley look like in Year 11?

In Year 11, students will continue to study GCSEs in Maths (4 hours per week), English Language and English Literature (5 hours) and Science (6 hours). Students taking qualifications in Geography, History, French, Spanish and Computer Science will continue these through into Year 11 for three hours a week. Students taking any other qualifications will continue into Year 11 on two hours a week, with the potential for an additional period of Maths or English. They will also have one hour of Physical Education. By providing students with a broad and balanced curriculum, and supporting them to achieve the highest possible grades, our aim is to ensure that they have the best possible life chances. Our Guided Pathways process supports this vision.

What intervention will Outwood Academy Valley use to ensure all students are successful?

We have tailored our curriculum to ensure that every student has the opportunity to obtain the best results possible in a range of subjects and can achieve strong grades in English and Maths. In Year 11, most students will take advantage of after school intervention, most nights of the week; this will take place from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. In addition, students will be expected to work independently using a combination of online resources, for example Sparx Maths and GCSE pod as well as some traditional paper-based homeworks.

Rest assured, we are committed to equipping all of our students with the Key Stage 4 qualifications, as well as the skills and knowledge that are needed to ensure that they have the best possible chance of success in the next phase of their lives.

If you do have any queries or require additional information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

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