

Dear Parents and Carers,

As your child begins Year 11, I would like to share an important update regarding their curriculum and the qualifications they will be working towards this academic year. Students at TREA study Religious Education (RE) throughout Years 10 and 11 as part of our commitment to providing a broad and balanced curriculum. In previous years, students have completed a short course (half a GCSE) GCSE in RE at the end of Year 11. However, this year's cohort will **not** be sitting the short course GCSE.

This decision has been made to allow students to focus fully on maximising their outcomes in their full GCSE / BTEC subjects. We want every student to achieve the best possible results to ensure they have a broad range of choices for their next steps and future destinations. At the end of Year 11, students will be entered for the following nine GCSE / BTEC qualifications:

- **English Language**
- **English Literature**
- **Mathematics**
- **Combined Science (Double Award)**
- **Geography**
- **Animal Care**
- **Business**
- **IMedia or PE or Engineering**

I would like to apologise that students were informed of this change before parents and carers. This should not have happened, and I understand that many of you will feel frustrated by the lack of prior communication. We are reviewing how such updates are shared to ensure that parents are always informed in a timely and appropriate manner.

Please be assured that RE will continue to be delivered to a high standard, supporting students' personal development, critical thinking, and understanding of the wider world, even though it will not be formally assessed through a GCSE qualification.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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