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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the summer holidays we have been planning next year's curriculum, making tweaks and changes to best maximise the use of expertise in the College and find appropriate routes for all students.

As part of this review we have identified that Combined Science require more hours next year to successfully complete the course. We have, therefore, decided to withdraw students who are taking Combined (not Triple) Science from RE GCSE. This will free up 2 hours of curriculum time which will be allocated as follows:

- 1 hour to Science
- 1 hour study support skills to further equip students with the required skills for the GCSE exams.

We are sorry to make this decision but we feel that it acts in the best interests of the students. The curriculum time used this year will not have gone to waste as the lessons will have prepared students how to reason arguments and debate sensitive issues with understanding and insight. We do acknowledge that some students would still like to complete the full RE GCSE. For these students Mrs Thompson is arranging after school classes that would enable them to do so if they wish. If your child is interested in this can they please see Mrs Thompson before the end of term.

If you have any questions regarding this please do contact me: knorton-berry@elycollege.co.uk

Yours faithfully



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