



Cardinal Newman Catholic High School

Specialist Maths and Computing College

Headteacher: Mrs J Warburton

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Creative and Technology options

Your child's curriculum will be changing next year to include more Maths and English periods so that we can start to prepare them more effectively for the new GCSE exams. This time will be taken from Creative and Technology subjects.

Your child currently studies Drama, Art, Music, Food and Design Technology as part of their foundation curriculum. We will soon be asking them to opt for 3 of these 5 subjects to study next year. The curriculum time from the 2 subjects they drop will then be given to Maths and English. Students will need to choose carefully as they will not always be able to pick back up the subjects they have dropped when they do their GCSE options in Year 9.

These changes have many benefits. The vast majority of students already know by Year 8 where their interests and strengths lie and the new curriculum structure allows them to specialise earlier as well as strengthening Maths and English provision.

Please discuss with your child and contact me if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely

M Burras
Deputy Headteacher

