



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to clarify some issues that have been raised by some Year 9 parents recently. Just before half-term, you will have received a letter confirming your daughter's GCSE options for September. Some confusion has arisen over this, partly due to different systems operating in different schools.

At Bishop's, we believe that breadth of learning, for as long as possible, supports future, more specialised learning and therefore we expect all Year 9 pupils to continue their learning in ALL subjects until the end of this summer term, just as would have been the case were they attending school every day. Another reason for this, based on our past experience, is that some girls realise, since choosing their subjects back in February, that they may have made the wrong decisions and continued learning in all their subjects keeps their options open for longer.

Study of their chosen GCSE subjects, alongside the mandatory core subjects of English, Maths and Science starts in September when the new timetable comes into operation. Meanwhile, we continue to expect all girls to engage with their learning in all their subjects and will be monitoring this carefully. As is currently the case, please alert us to any problems your daughter has accessing her lessons on Google.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your support, patience and understanding during this time but also for your recognition of the hard work that our staff are undertaking for your children. We hope that your daughter will enjoy and participate in all her online lessons for the rest of the term, regardless of whether she will be carrying on with that subject next year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Wood and Ms T Nickson
Co-Headteachers

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