



23rd March 2017

Dear Parents

Changes to the 3rd Form Curriculum for the academic year 2017-2018

The St. Martha's curriculum promotes learners' intellectual, personal, social and physical developments. As well as lessons and extra-curricular activities, it includes approaches to teaching, learning and assessment, the quality of relationships within the school, and the values embodied in the way it operates. I hope you will agree that the current curriculum has allowed your daughter to experience as wide a range of subjects as possible.

However, the curriculum reflects the changing nature of the school and the need for us to keep it regularly under review. We want to ensure that the curriculum enables all students and pupils to achieve their full potential. Therefore the curriculum for 3rd Form students will be amended in the next academic year to reflect this. Your daughter will continue to study English, Maths, Science, Religious Education, Languages, History, Geography, Games, Latin and Classics. The main changes will be the introduction of a) a Key Skills Programme and b) the opportunity for your daughter to make subject choices from the following blocks:

Block A	Block B
Art	Food & Nutrition
Music	Drama
IT	Textiles

We would like you to discuss the option blocks above with your daughter. She should choose 2 subjects from each block. We would like you to return your daughters choices to us by **Wednesday 29th March**. Your daughter will study two of her subject choices from September 2017 to February 2018 and the remaining two subjects from February 2018 to June 2018

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More details regarding the Key Skills programme will follow before the end of the academic year. In brief, the programme has been designed to allow students to develop an understanding of current issues and to help prepare them for the future. Its aim is to inspire our students to become more aware of and better participants in the world around them.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me on wallm@saint-marthas.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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