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Dear Parent / Carer

PLANNED CURRICULUM CHANGES IN GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES

I am writing to update you on changes to the Religious Studies curriculum provision for your child. The Religious Studies Department along with the Curriculum and Assessment Team are working to ensure that we comply with the guidance issued by the Department for Education around the provision of Religious Studies as a core subject. In line with this, Year 10s will continue with the subject and be entered for the Full Course next year following on from the Short Course this year.

This decision has been necessary as students are required to continue with their religious education in Year 11. In Year 11, students will have a 1 hour timetabled Religious Studies lesson every fortnight to ensure the content of the full course is covered.

In addition to Christian and Islamic beliefs and teachings and two thematic studies: Religion, Peace & Conflict and Relationships & Families which students have studied in Years 9 and 10, they will now learn Christian & Islamic Practices as well as two thematic studies: Religion Crime & Punishment and Religion, Human Rights & Social Justice.

At the end of Year 11, students will complete two GCSE exam papers, Paper 1 on Religions (Christianity and Islam beliefs & practices) and Paper 2 on Thematic Studies.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school by phone or emailing contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

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