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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, there have been a number of changes across our Trust schools which have brought about many positives. This year we have been consolidating some of this work and further evaluating areas for development. Part of this work has been assessing the quality of our curriculum, and as a result we are planning a number of changes for September 2020.

As a Trust we are committed to ensuring that our students receive an education which allows them to reach their full potential. Whilst making sure they have every chance to achieve excellent academic outcomes is paramount, it is also important that we equip our students with wider knowledge and skills so they are well rounded young adults when they leave us. We are also keen to ensure we are working closely across phases of learning and there are clear links from primary to secondary schools.

Key Developments

- KS3 curriculum will run over three years to ensure students secure strong foundations in a broader range of subjects. This means Year 8 will not have an Options Evening this year.
- Character and Ethics Education taught as a discrete subject in KS3 and through a Tutor programme in KS4.
- Stronger links to both KS2 and KS5.
- The introduction of Deeper Learning Days. These will allow us to immerse our students in key areas of their wider development.
- A focus on mental well-being.
- Improving the quality and consistency of our schemes of work and resources.
- A focus on ensuring our students retain key information and continually develop core skills.

The majority of these changes will impact on students in lower school, but there will be wider benefits to our older students. Over the last 18 months, examination performance has been a major focus and we are very confident our approach in this area is currently strong. Students in Years 9-11 will continue to receive the best education and preparation for the qualifications they have started.

Due to this significant piece of work, both King's and Carleton will have an additional Inset Day on **Thursday 18 June** in addition to the already calendared **Friday 19 June**.

More information will be shared through our newsletters and website and please feel free to contact school to discuss.

Yours faithfully

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