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Dear Parents & Guardians of year 11 Students

Every year, we review which post-16 qualifications to offer each new cohort of students. This year we are really pleased to announce that we will be including A-level Sociology as one of the subjects we are able to offer.

The course will be led by Mrs Collett, Assistant Headteacher. She is a very experienced senior member of staff and has taught similar subjects, both History and Politics for many years. Under her guidance, Politics was the highest performing A-level last year. Sociology is also offered elsewhere in our Trust, so we will also make use of their expertise. An overview of the course has been added to the [Courses](#) page of our Applications Hub, available on our website. Mrs Collett will run information sessions at the forthcoming Sixth Form Open Evening where you can find out more about the subject.

As well as considering new courses, we also have to review the viability of current courses. Due to difficulties with staffing, it is unlikely that we will be able to offer A-level Law in September 2024. If we resolve those issues, we will let you and the students know, and we will include it in our offer. We have already spoken to all the students in an assembly and explained that studying A-level Law is not a requirement for a Law degree or any future career in that field. Subjects like English, History, Politics, Languages, Sciences and Mathematics are, in fact, preferred.

We will be sending everyone who has already booked their information sessions a link to edit their choices. So you can now replace a session with Sociology, if you are interested in finding out more about that course. We will also be cancelling the Law sessions, so you can book a different subject instead.

If you do have any questions please speak with the Sixth Form Team at the Open Evening.

Yours faithfully

Miss Page  
Deputy Headteacher

