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Dear Parent / Carer,

Following a detailed review of the school's curriculum provision by staff and governors, I am seeking parental opinion of the proposal to reduce Key Stage 3 to Year 7 and Year 8. Students currently in Year 8 would start studying their GCSE options and subjects in Year 9. This would enable them to study GCSE subjects over three years.

This would mean that students in Year 8 would make their option choices in March 2017, to commence study in September 2017. This model coincides with subjects, such as Welsh, who already successfully deliver GCSE content to pupils in year 9.

This model is used by some of the most successful schools in Wales to strengthen progress at GCSE and includes the following benefits:

- Development of subject specific skills at an earlier age
- Develops a mature learning culture
- Allows greater time for examination focused study
- Allows flexibility for student support
- Allows access to specialist subjects at an earlier stage in a student's education

In order for us to gauge parent/carer opinion, please could you complete the following survey: link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F3CD7DT>

A summary of shared responses and next steps will be shared with yourselves after the survey deadline of the 6th February 2017.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M. Yeoman (Deputy Headteacher)

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