



# Wolstanton High School

A Shaw Education Trust Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers

This term we have been listening to the views of staff, students and parents to inform the decisions we make about the school moving forward. One issue that has arisen repeatedly is our current use of a two-week timetable as many people find this confusing to follow. Therefore, I am delighted to inform you that, as of students' return to school on 7<sup>th</sup> January after the Christmas Break, we will be moving to a one-week timetable. We hope that you and your child will find this much easier to follow and will enable you to plan home study and preparation for school much more effectively and easily.

As you know, students in Year 10 are currently studying towards GCSEs in English and Literature, Maths and Science plus 5 other subjects. We have reviewed our progress data and spoken to a number of people who say that studying 5 subjects is spreading the examination load too widely for students to achieve huge success and can lead to increased stress for students who are trying to manage this workload. In addition, having 5 subjects to cover means that time in lessons for each subject is limited. As we are moving to a one-week timetable, we thought this would be the perfect opportunity to allow students to move to study English and Literature, Maths and Science plus 4 additional subjects, which they can choose from their current 5 options. Students have had a term to get used to the demands of GCSE study and test their aptitude for each of these subjects and staff have been able to judge their progress so far which means we are very well placed to support students in making the right choices. In addition, with the new timetable, students will have more lesson time in their chosen subjects, and we expect this to support them in achieving the very best grades.

All decisions that we make at school are with the best interests of our students at heart; we want them all to leave us with a very strong set of GCSE results which will enable them to progress onto their chosen destination in their next steps of education and go towards securing the career they wish to follow. We will be working closely with students before the end of term to secure their subject choices, if you would like to talk to us about this please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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