



Tring School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to advise you of a Curriculum change for all Year 9 students.

Following a recent notification from the Government regarding the value of qualifications, we have been advised that the short course GCSE qualification that equates to half a GCSE will no longer count in the school's performance tables and likewise will not have the validity for entry into our 6th form.

We are aware that the current Year 9 students have started their short course GCSE in Religious Studies, which would have been examined at the end of Year 10. The specification of the course is quite limiting and does not engage all of our learners and the RS Department would relish the opportunity to engage the students with topics and skills which they feel are more relevant to the youngsters at Tring School.

Therefore, from January 2012, the existing curriculum time will be filled with engaging and relevant learning, but students will no longer be working towards the short course GCSE qualification.

Religious Studies continues to be a vital component of our provision here at Tring School and we would encourage those students who wish to pursue their academic studies in this area to take the opportunity to select a full course GCSE in RS as one of their GCSE option choices and possibly onto Ethics and Philosophy at A level.

If you have any questions regarding this change please do not hesitate to contact me on sambrose@tring.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Headteacher

Our ref: SAA/PS

