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Dear Parents

I would like to confirm the situation with Core ICT for all Year 10 students. Early last year we redesigned our curriculum model changing the curriculum distribution of lessons, which included an increased number of hours in English.

As outlined at the Options Evening last January, the intention was that all Year 9 students would complete the Functional Skills qualification, which is equivalent to half a GCSE, as part of the Year 9 curriculum. This would then remove the requirement for any further CORE ICT in the Year 10 and 11 programmes. GCSE ICT remained as an option for students to select, if desired.

However, due to staffing changes within the ICT department, the Year 9 cohort received some disruption to their learning and the decision was not to enter students at that stage. To compensate for this, it was planned that students would be provided with an extra-curricular opportunity within this academic year to attend a course of refresher lessons followed by the examination.

The exam is an on-line test and can be completed at frequent intervals throughout the academic year, which will allow students to be entered for the exam at the appropriate time. We can only apologise for the frustration and upset that this has caused to any students.

I am pleased to now be in a position to offer two different extra-curricular sessions for students who wish to complete this qualification. The course will run for a term. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, with anyone who is not successful in gaining a place this term, automatically having a place in the Spring term.

The ICT Functional skills sessions are available on Monday or Tuesday at 3.30pm – 4.30pm in B13. If your child would like to attend either of the extra-curricular sessions, please complete and return the attached slip below to Mrs Pippa Sutton.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at sambrose@tring.herts.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Ambrose
Assistant Headteacher

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Please return to Mrs P Sutton via the School Reception

Student name: Form:

would like to join the ICT Functional Skills extra-curricular group on

Signed:
Our ref: SAA/PS

