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Dear Parents

As we are welcoming our students to the new academic year I wanted to write to you to explain a little about our curriculum and point you to where you can find out more information about what, and how, your child will be learning. Full details on our curriculum including detailed information for each subject can be found on our website <https://www.smithdonhigh.org.uk/curriculum>.

In Years 7,8 and 9 (Key Stage 3) we offer all students a wide breadth of subjects. In terms of languages some of our students will study French, some German and some both, you can check this on your child's timetable. At KS3 most of our classes are taught in mixed ability groups, the only exceptions to this are Maths and Science.

In Years 10 and 11 (Key Stage 4) all students study the core GCSEs in Maths, English and Science alongside the subjects that they opted for at the end of Year 9. Again, these are all taught in mixed ability groups except Maths and Science.

All of our students study Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) through our ASPIRE programme delivered by form tutors on 2 mornings per week. This ensures all our students develop an understanding of the wider world and their place in it.

All students are expected to complete homework daily (following a homework timetable at KS3). All work set will be posted on Google Classroom. As parents you can sign up to receive daily or weekly summaries of what your child has been set. You will receive a link for this in the next few days.

During their first week, all students will be given a Student Handbook outlining "The Smithdon Way". This document outlines what we expect of our students and what they should expect of us, including how we will teach them. It also contains the homework expectations. Students should have this with them at all times, as it is where they will record their attendance and achievements. This is also a useful document for parents, so please do ask them to see it.

If at any point you have any questions about your child's learning, please get in touch with the relevant head of department or contact me on [s.robinson@smithdonhigh.org.uk](mailto:s.robinson@smithdonhigh.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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