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Dear Blaise Families,

### **Changes to the Technology curriculum**

We have a small number of staffing changes happening at the end of this term and this will mean, for a temporary period of time, we have some changes that we need to make to Technology. Year 9 students currently have two periods of Technology per fortnight. From January, this will reduce to one period of Technology and one period of Sparx Maths. Whilst we would not ideally make changes part way through the academic year, due to staffing changes we have to. We are communicating this to you at the earliest opportunity to ensure transparency and clarity. We have advertised and interviewed for additional Technology staff, but at this point, the calibre of candidate has not been good enough. We will only appoint teachers of the highest quality.

This will not impact on students' GCSE choices as 'Technology' is not a GCSE subject. The GCSE/Vocational options process will be outlined during the next term and there will be our usual two technology based subjects within these choices.

We hope you understand that this decision has not been taken lightly and it is in the best interests of the students given the change in staffing. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will arrange to meet with you to discuss this.

If your child is in year 10 or year 11 and is currently studying Engineering they will continue with this course but their teacher will be changing to Mr Gillet and/or Mr Maloney.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr J Harvey**  
Deputy Headteacher

