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Dear Blaise families,

I am writing to tell you about a curriculum change that is necessary and that will affect some KS3 classes when we return after the Easter break.

Mrs Thomas is leaving us at the end of this term and despite advertising for a new Catering and Technology teacher on more than one occasion, we have not had any suitable applicants. This has meant that we have had to make the difficult decision to remove technology from the timetable of some classes. Where possible we have reassigned other Technology teachers to classes, but this is not possible in all cases; for example, we cannot move a Technology teacher out of a GCSE class at this point in the year. Where this has not been possible, we have assigned a teacher of English or Maths in the majority of cases, and they will teach an additional English or Maths lesson via Sparx Maths or Sparx Reader. There is only one class in all of KS3 who we cannot allocate a Technology teacher to for at least one period a fortnight and this is 9B. All other groups will have either one lesson of Technology or will continue with their current allocation of two lessons, albeit sometimes with a different teacher.

We would prefer to have appointed a great Technology teacher so we could maintain our curriculum offer to all students but we have to be pragmatic and ensure we have great lessons rather than anything below that standard, and having a non-specialist Technology teacher would not result in great lessons.

Through the sequencing of the curriculum, we know that no Year 9 student who studies Engineering at KS4 in September will be disadvantaged and we are now working on a solution for all of KS3 for September. We understand that this will be disappointing for some students this term but we hope you understand our reasoning.

We have no intention of removing Technology from the curriculum and we are confident that all KS3 students will continue to study it in the next academic year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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