



# St Luke's Science and Sports College

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Science

Dear Parent/ Carer



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It was lovely to welcome students back to the new term this week and I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you and your family a very happy and successful year in 2016. I also wanted to take this opportunity of letting you know about some important events in the coming weeks and our plans for a new curriculum pattern from next September.

You may be aware that the Government have implemented changes to the GCSE grading and examination system and placed an even greater emphasis on every child achieving a good grade in English and Maths. To this end, we have made the decision that we need to allocate more time to the teaching of Maths in every year to respond to increased content within the National Curriculum and to ensure that every child feels confident and secure in their grasp of this vital subject.



This impacts on the time allowances for other subjects and has prompted us, following a lot of research and consultation, to move towards a three-year KS4 curriculum. From this year, therefore, both year 8 and year 9 students will need to choose those Option subjects which they will focus on for the remainder of their time with us. As always, our priority is to provide a broad and balanced curriculum which students of all abilities can enjoy and be successful in.



We will have our Options information on our website from 18<sup>th</sup> January and this will be followed by a combined year 8 and 9 Options evening for Parents and students on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Full details will follow in a separate letter but could I ask that you please keep this date free so that you can be fully aware of the process and the different pathways on offer to your child.



I would like to thank you for your support of our recent behaviour review. The simple but essential 5 LEARN rules for behaviour in the classroom are having a significant impact on the quality of learning for all. Feedback from staff and students has been very positive, and we expect this to be reflected in rates of progress over this term.



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Finally, I would like to remind you that our Drama production this term is Grease. Students and staff have been rehearsing since September and it promises to be another spectacular show, which I would urge you not to miss. Dates are 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016.



Thank you all for your support of the College as we work together to provide the best educational experience for all our students.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Holt', written in a cursive style.

Mr D Holt  
Principal