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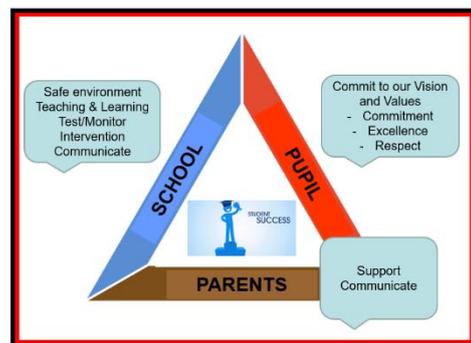
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### Year 12 and 14 Curriculum Update

Dear Parent,

I write to provide you with an academic update with regard to this vitally important year ahead for your son or daughter. During their August induction session with Mrs Allen and I, we covered the following points and now wish to make you fully aware of content...

- The importance of a strong '**pupil-parent-school triangle of success**'. With all components focused on the same goal, we believe that pupil outcomes will be maximised. With just one component removed success will be much more difficult to achieve.



- We hold and aim to instil **high expectations** in all of our pupils. Albeit in difficult circumstances, last year our GCSE results for 5A\*-C grades were 91.4%, 14.5% above the NI average for similar schools. In addition, our GCSE grades for 5A\*-C grades including English and Maths were 79.4%, 16.3% above the NI average. Furthermore, at A level pupils achieving 3A\*-C grades was 82.8%, with all except 2 pupils gaining entry into their first choice KS5 place. These 2 pupils did however enter onto their reserve place.

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- CCEA have identified one unit for omission at GCSE and A2 level. Unless stated below, the unit identified at GCSE and A2 level will be omitted this academic year as per this document... <https://ceea.org.uk/downloads/docs/ceea-asset/General/Assessment%20Arrangements%20for%20CCEA%20Qualifications%20202122.pdf> Please cross-reference the subjects that your son or daughter studies with the information stated.
  - *GCSE English: Unit 3 will be assessed to give all pupils an opportunity to score well in their 'written and spoken language controlled assessment task'. Although included, CCEA will give the overall result that is higher (Unit 1, 2 and 4 with Unit 3 omitted or Unit 1, 2, 3 and 4)*
- Another webpage that we strongly encourage you to visit is <https://ceea.org.uk/summer-2022/specification-addenda?lvl=9&subj=19> This will allow you to filter by level and subject, giving you more detail as to what each unit involves. This will be in the form of a pdf titled '**View Specification Addendum**'.
- All subject teachers are aware of the Summer 2022 assessment arrangements and pupils will be provided with **subject-specific guidelines** to ensure full understanding.
- Although the current arrangements for CCEA subjects has a reduced assessment plan, **all subject content is still to be covered** to enable progression into KS5 education and the world of work.
- The **current arrangement for assessment is in place for one year only** for Year 12 and 14 pupils. If this year is not successful, pupils may have to return to Year 11 or 13 and be required to complete 2 years of study. Therefore, a **high work ethic** at all times is essential.
- **Tracking** will be utilised in school 4 times a year. The dates are in the pupil planner on the first pink page. Likely in the week prior to this deadline, pupils will sit tests reflective of curricular content. Revision is essential at these times; as last year such results were able to go towards overall pupil outcomes. Although that is not planned this year, it remains a **contingency plan**.

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- BTEC subjects are progressive in nature meaning that content covered and submitted in Year 11/13 will go towards the final pupil outcome.
- **Key dates** for Year 12 are the **November series exams**. The dates of the **Maths, English and Science** modules are as follows...

***Double Award Science (Biology) – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November***

***Double Award Science (Physics) – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November***

***Single Award Science (Physics) – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November***

***English Language – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November***

***Maths – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November***

Additional details can be viewed at <https://ccea.org.uk/downloads/docs/ccea-asset/General/Final%20GCSE%20Timetable%20November%202021.pdf>

In closing, during the induction session in August the following image was used...



I know that all pupils in Fivemiletown College are very 'capable'. I now challenge them to personify all the other superlatives listed above. As parent, you want the very best for your son or daughter. Consistent application of the words in the image above will ensure that they maximise their potential and have a bright future moving forwards.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Clarke – Vice Principal

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