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## Year 7 and 8 Curriculum

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to you with details of some important developments that we have made to our curriculum at the Academy.

As you know we keep our curriculum under review in order to ensure we are offering the highest quality of education for your child as possible. As a result of this process there are two changes that we are making to the curriculum which are effective as of September 2019.

All students in Years 7 and 8 study a language. As part of our new curriculum, students will now study both French and Spanish on an alternating timetable each week. We have made this decision as it will broaden student's knowledge of different cultures and provide academic challenge to support literacy development, as it will allow students to make better informed decisions about selecting a language when taking options at GCSE.

You will be aware that students have studied Performing Arts and Food in years 7 and 8. We are pleased this year to be able to timetable Dance, Drama and Food as discrete subjects. Students will study one of the three subjects for 6 weeks with two lessons per week before moving onto the next subject on the rotation. This will allow for a greater number of students to have access to Dance, Drama and Food specialist studio spaces and teachers, while allowing students time to specialise for 6 weeks on developing their skills in each area.

As ever there will be a range of ACE activities within Performing Arts that students can get involved in throughout the year.

If you have any questions on this, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail on <a href="mailto:tracie.deane@thebourneacademy.com">tracie.deane@thebourneacademy.com</a>.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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