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Dear Parent/carer,

As we approach the beginning of the winter term, the Dance and Drama Departments have reviewed the courses available to ensure that our students receive the grades they deserve in Year 11.

This decision has been carefully considered due to the concerns we have with the previous qualification. As you may have read in the news, there were a number of changes to the qualification with very short notice which negatively impacted upon the outcomes of students nationally, this has occurred over the past two years which has led us to review the position.

Consequently, we write to inform you that students studying Dance or Drama will move across to the RSL Level 2 Tech Award in Performing Arts with immediate effect.

We believe that the RSL course provides a more relevant and up to date education for our students, allowing students to study a rigorous and exciting curriculum as well as providing a solid foundation for students who wish to continue their studies of the Performing Arts at Level 3/A-Level standard.

Furthermore, this will provide students with the opportunity to achieve grades that fairly reflect their hard work and ability in the subjects. The qualification is at the same level as the original course and will enable all students to progress onto the next phase of their education in the same way.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Mrs Murphy or Mr Perkins.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Murphy

Subject Leader of Dance and Drama