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Dear parents and carers

**Re: DT lessons for KS4 – Year 11 Construction and Engineering; Year 10 Design Technology**

As you are aware Mrs Clarke will be going on maternity leave in July. We have found it very difficult to replace her, but have been fortunate enough to have secured a very experienced DT teacher, Mr Clive Stewart, for our Key Stage 4 classes. We are hoping Mr Stewart will be able to come into school before term ends to get to know students better and spend some time in lessons.

I am sure you know that GCSE syllabi in all subjects have undergone significant changes in the past couple of years. We have been monitoring these changes and considering how they might impact our students and their likely GCSE outcomes. Mrs Clarke has researched all options carefully and we have decided that the Year 11 Engineering class will change over to take the DT GCSE. The syllabi overlap considerably, so everything they have done so far still counts towards the DT exam and is completely relevant. However, the DT syllabus is more practical and “hands-on” and has a significantly smaller maths and calculation element. There will be no disadvantage to students in terms of going forward to Engineering A levels or apprenticeships.

If you would like to discuss this further with Mrs Clarke or with Mr Lloyd (Faculty Leader) or Mr Kelly (Head of KS4), please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher

