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To Parents/Carers of Students in Year 8

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Dear Parent/Carer

**Curriculum changes update for Parents/Carers of Year 8 students
(GCSE class of 2017)**

As you may be aware the Government is proposing significant changes to the National Curriculum, GCSE and A Level provision. Information is now being sent to schools and we are currently working with this to explore the necessary changes to our current provision.

The current proposals indicate that the new GCSEs in English and Maths will be first examined in 2017 - this will be for our present Year 8 cohort. There are significant changes from the current GCSE specifications. Therefore, instead of waiting to start the "new GCSEs" in Year 10 from September 2015, our English and Maths departments are currently revising the Year 9 schemes of work. This will enable them to prepare students for these changes from September 2014.

We will keep you up to date with changes as soon as we are able but at present we are still awaiting clarification from both the examination boards and Ofqual. If you have any questions in the meantime please email these to the school, via the Year 8 secretary, on year8admin@helsbyhigh.org.uk.

Thank you for your continuing help and support.

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