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Dear Parent/Carer Year 11 students,

I am writing to you with an update regarding our option blocks for Year 12 and the process for sixth form registration in September.

Attached to this letter is a copy of the option blocks for Year 12 for September. Students can choose a maximum of one subject from each block. We expect most students to opt for three subjects, however students with an average GCSE points score of 6.5 or higher may wish to opt for a fourth subject where possible. Students may also wish to begin with four subjects, with a view to dropping one before the end of September. This is likely to be the case where students are starting courses in the sixth form, which were not available at GCSE level.

You will see that GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths re-sit classes are not yet timetabled. We will add these to the option blocks after GCSE results day, so that we can see where best to place them in the blocks to minimise disruption to option choices. Any student not achieving at least a grade 4 in either subject is required to re-sit the GCSE in Year 12. Any re-sit class is extra to the three A-level or BTEC options taken.

I will also be in school on results day should you want to discuss post-16 options then. Could I also take this opportunity to remind you that sixth form registration takes place at 1:30pm on Monday 4 September in the Main Hall, and the process should take no longer than around 45 minutes. Students are not required to be in on Tuesday 5 September, but should all be in school on Wednesday 6 September at 8:45am for their induction/study skills day.

Should you have any queries regarding the sixth form or your son/daughter's application to join Helsby Sixth Form during the summer, please contact me via e-mail: iduffell@helsbyhigh.org.uk

Best wishes for a restful and relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely

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Year 12 option blocks for September 2017

A	B	C	D	E
BTEC Business Biology Business Studies English Language German Physics Photography Sociology	BTEC ICT Chemistry Criminology Computer Studies History Health & Social Music Physical Education	Art Biology Business Studies Engineering Mathematics Political Studies Psychology Religious Education	BTEC ICT Drama French Geography History Mathematics Media Studies	Chemistry Criminology Economics English Literature English Language Further Maths Psychology