



Dear Parent/Carer

September 2016

### **Changes to the national education system**

As you may be aware there are a lot of changes to our education system being introduced by the government over the next few years including;

- the roll out of the new National Curriculum in Key Stage 2 and 3
- the phased introduction of new GCSEs into Key Stage 4
- new A level specifications in the Sixth Form

More details of the changes to GCSE and A level can be found on this government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/get-the-facts-gcse-and-a-level-reform/>

Alongside these major changes to the curriculum in all years, there have been changes to the way students are assessed, this includes:

- New Key Stage 2 tests and an end to National Curriculum levels
- students' performance will no longer be assessed in terms of levels in Key Stage 3
- the new GCSEs will no longer be awarded grades A\*-G but will be graded 9 – 1
- A levels will become linear, i.e. all exams will need to be taken at the end of Year 13

A timeline explaining the timeline of changes can be found on this government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/timeline-of-changes-to-gcses-as-and-a-levels/changes-to-gcses-as-and-a-levels-that-will-affect-each-current-school-year-group>

### **Changes to our school systems**

Last September we also be introduced some new systems to Wadebridge School including:

- new rewards systems, designed to recognise students with excellent attendance and those who work hard in lessons
- a new behaviour management system, designed to encourage students to make positive choices and make the consequences of poor decisions clear to everyone.

This year we will be introducing new assessment procedures and new style progress reports designed to inform pupils and parents about how well pupils are progressing and what they can do to make even more progress.

In order to explain these changes and their implications for your child/children we will be holding a series of information evenings for parents in September on the following dates:

**Year 11 on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**Year 10 on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**Year 9 on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

**Year 8 on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**Year 7 on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

**Sixth Form on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Each of these events will take place in the main hall at school starting at 6:00pm when we will deliver a short presentation explaining how changes will impact on children of different ages and provide an opportunity for parents and carers to ask questions.

Yours sincerely

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