



### **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 will be changes to the way students are assessed, this includes:

- an end to the current KS2 SATs and 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**

From September we will also be introducing 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
- a review of our assessment and reporting systems and a phased implementation of new procedures to accommodate the new GCSEs over the next two years

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 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**Year 8 on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

**Year 10 on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

**Year 7 on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**Year 9 on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

**Year 12 on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</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.