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Dear Parents / Carers of Year 9 Students,

I hope you are all doing well and have enjoyed a nice half term. I am emailing to clarify the situation around GCSE options and the students' work for this half term. I have summarized the main points below:

- As of now, Year 9 students can drop any subjects which they will not be continuing with at GCSE
- Some of you have asked whether PRE is included in this. Students can also drop PRE if they are not continuing with it at GCSE, but if they wish to access work for their personal development they are free to do so this on their PRE Google classroom
- Students will therefore have some free periods in their timetables for this half term. During this free time, the students will have the following tasks:
 - Core subjects will provide some extra work for students to complete
 - Students should also complete tasks from the Sandringham Super Curriculum, which can be found here: <https://sandringham.herts.sch.uk/super-curriculum/>
 - A number of good resources specifically designed to get students ready for GCSE study across different subjects can be found here: <https://www.gcsepod.com/free-resources/getting-ready-for-ks4/>
 - We would also be happy for students to follow their own academic interests if they have another area of study they would like to develop on an independent basis
- The idea would be that students can complete these extra tasks at their own pace, and not in a particular order. They will not be told to complete a certain amount of the work and the work won't be marked by teachers as we want to encourage the students to develop their independent study skills in areas which interest them. A vital skill for GCSEs and beyond!
- Finally, if students are studying GCSEs next year which are not currently on their timetable then they do not have to complete specific work for that subject but they have the option of looking at tasks in the Super Curriculum if they would like to

Yours sincerely,

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