



# Sandringham School

'Everybody can be Somebody'

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Dear Parent / Carer,

In order to prepare Year 8 students well for the choices that lay ahead at Key Stage 4, for many years, Sandringham has operated a modular curriculum in Year 9. This innovative feature of the school's Key Stage 3 curriculum offer allows students in Year 9 to begin to personalise their timetable by opting into a wide range of modules for 2 hours per week. Those who wish to continue with Spanish as a second language must continue this during year 9, in place of module choices.

In addition to enriching the taught curriculum, modules provide students with the opportunity to study subjects they enjoy in greater depth, try their hand at something new or even get a taster of subjects not traditionally offered until GCSE or A-Level. Examples of modules include: horticulture, debating, psychology, forensic science and media.

Further information on the modules themselves will be made available to all Year 8 students on **Thursday, 25th June** in an online assembly, delivered via their Year 8 Google Classroom. We will be emailing the options booklet with full details to students and parents on the same day so that you can discuss the offer with your son/daughter at home.

Students will be asked to submit their preferences online by **Friday, 3rd July** and we will provide a guide to students about how to do this. It will be the same process for the following rotations during the 2020-21 academic year as they will have a total of four opportunities to choose modules that last nine weeks each. There are limits to class sizes, so reserve choices will need to be made to ensure that we can timetable all Year 9 students. Unfortunately, it isn't always possible to accommodate first or reserve choices for popular modules, but we endeavour to support preferences in subsequent rotations if classes are full.

Clearly, we do not yet have certainty about what September might look like. However, we remain hopeful and are proceeding with the normal timetabling processes so that we are ready to start as normal in September, if government advice supports this. If you have any questions about the modular curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Fergal Moane  
Deputy Headteacher

