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Dear Parents

Students in the Lower Sixth who study four A levels have the opportunity to reduce their curriculum to three subjects at the start of the Spring term. For those studying Further Mathematics there is no option as they must continue with all four subjects

It recommended, however, that students stay in all four subjects until the end of the Lower Sixth. Students will have a second formal opportunity to consider dropping to three subjects at this time. Staying with four allows for flexibility – students' feelings and progress in subjects can change as the year progresses and further topics studied, and the Lower Sixth exams in the Summer term may highlight unforeseen strengths and weaknesses.

For those, however, for whom moving to three subjects at the end of this term is the right thing to do, the periods on their timetable will be replaced by Additional Study. These are supervised study periods in the Library where additional supporting work is set by subject teachers in order to supplement the classroom course. These are not additional free periods, nor are they additional time to complete homework tasks.

The on-line option form can be [accessed here](#). All Lower Sixth students who currently study four subjects need to complete this form by **Monday 14 December**.

A second opportunity to drop a subject will be offered to those students remaining on four subjects later in the academic year.

If you have any questions about this option choice, please do contact me.

Yours sincerely

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