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Dear Parents and Carers

Exciting Partnership with Nottingham College from September 2024.

I write to update you on our first and exciting partnership with our close colleagues at Nottingham College.

From September 2024, we will be able to increase our offer of courses to our current year 9 students and subsequent years, to include a range of new options - some not offered before in the Academy.

This will allow a limited number of pupils to access courses taught at the college by their staff, supported by colleagues from The Bulwell Academy, to learn a range of vocational subjects. This could lead to recognised qualifications and an increased range of choices at the end of their career at our Academy, together with potentially better job or career opportunities.

Timetables for pupils will allow them to visit the college to complete their option choices, as well as complete other options and the 'basics' in school.

In school, for the first time, we are also offering Travel and Tourism. It is an exciting time for everyone as we broaden and expand our curriculum offer to our pupils.

Please be aware this is a developing partnership and therefore subjects and places are subject to change.

Parents of current year 9 students will learn more about the options process and how it works this week, on **18 April at 4pm** at our curriculum choices evening.

Pupils will have an assembly which will be led by Mr Brownlow and Mr Smith, so that they can be informed prior to the meeting with parents. A booklet which provides more detail will be available at the event on 18 April where they can find out about the courses on offer, what is optional and what is compulsory.

We, of course, also offer a full range of GCSE and BTECs qualifications in school, so that pupils can take a fully academic route including the English Baccalaureate.



Places will be limited on the college courses, so pupils will always be asked to consider a second choice. Whilst we will do our very best to provide first choices, they are not guaranteed and are subject to change.

The curriculum and what we offer to our pupils is one of the most important aspects of school life and we think that our new association with Nottingham College is providing our pupils with not only a wider variety of choices, but also the valuable opportunity of learning off-site. This helps to build confidence and self-esteem which is so important for our pupils, as well as expanding life choices.

We want to make sure that our curriculum meets the needs of all our pupils, regardless of ability, and this offer is intended to meet those needs which is so important in any school.

We also know that we must provide some 'taster' opportunities for pupils as they make choices, so that they are the right choices for them. This will be something for the Academy to develop further.

We thought it also necessary to inform parents and pupils in Y7 and Y8, who need to be aware of our partnership, and the opportunities available to the pupils as they progress their career within the Academy.

Thank you for taking the time to read about a new era in the education for pupils at The Bulwell Academy.

Yours sincerely

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