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Dear Parent/Carer

### Re: Current Year 12 Curriculum

As you know, our current curriculum offers students the opportunity to take four A-levels and one extra AS level which they will study over two years.

Over the recent weeks, many students have increasingly expressed views that undertaking four A-levels and an extra AS level is a substantial ask. A number of students feel that the extra AS level is taking away some of their efforts from their four A-levels. Over this time, we have listened carefully to the students' concerns. We have also considered them against our knowledge that students do not need the extra AS level to be well placed to go on to the next stage of their education.

It is clear we have an important decision to make about the value of this extra AS level. Consequently, I write to invite your views about the extra AS level that we are currently asking students to take. At the same time we are conducting both student and staff consultations about the same matter.

I would encourage your involvement in this consultation by expressing your views through the following email address:-

[Schoolconsultation@bluecoatschool.org.uk](mailto:Schoolconsultation@bluecoatschool.org.uk)

May I ask that you submit your views by 5.00pm on Thursday 22 October 2015 at which time this consultation will end.

I will write to you in due course to convey any subsequent decisions we may make.

Yours sincerely

Mr M A Pennington  
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