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Dear parents/ carers,

### **BTEC Media change to GCSE Media Studies**

After careful deliberation, we have made the decision to change from BTEC Media to GCSE Media Studies with immediate effect.

As you may be aware, Year 10 were working towards the new BTEC Tech Award specification. This is the first year this specification has been run by Pearson and in our professional opinion students will not perform as well in this qualification as they would if entered for the GCSE. This is because the support provided by the exam board has been unreliable. Therefore, from this point onwards, the students will be working towards a GCSE in Media Studies.

Please feel reassured that the skills students learned for their recent Component are transferrable and will enable them to complete their NEA (non-exam assessment) on the GCSE pathway.

Planning of the curriculum has now taken place to ensure that students will maximise the remainder of Year 10 and Year 11. Students will be able to cover the content required on the GCSE pathway and we will ensure the very best GCSE outcomes.

If you have any questions, please email me via [general@thehambleschool.co.uk](mailto:general@thehambleschool.co.uk)

Yours faithfully



Mrs S Vincent

Head of Media Studies

*If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.*

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