



Moorside
High School
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Over the next two weeks we will be finalising your child's option choices for Year 10/11.

Your child has opted for either Design and Technology, Construction or Engineering which are all technology-based courses.

As you may be aware, there is a national recruitment and retention crisis in education. Due to staff movement, we are currently trying to recruit a Design and Technology/Construction/Engineering teacher. Alongside this, it is highly likely that we will also have another position available due to long term ill health.

We realise that Engineering and Construction are not courses that are offered by most schools and that we may struggle to recruit a specialist in these areas. It would not be in the student's best interests for them to embark on a course without a specialist teacher. We do, however, want the students to be able to study a technology-based course so we are advising that is more than likely that the students who have opted for Engineering or Construction will be following the Design and Technology GCSE course.

All three courses have a significant overlap, and we know that having a specialist in the subject is the finest way to support and guide our students. In order to ensure we keep the students at the heart of all decisions, we have spoken to the students today to explain the rationale behind the change in course choice. After a discussion with yourselves they will be given the opportunity to change their option choices in light of this from Engineering/Construction to another option.

We appreciate that this is not ideal, but we feel that this is the best solution based on the lack of specialist staff available.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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