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Dear parent/carer,

Outcome of the Level 3 reforms

On our Open Evening at the beginning of November, we made parents aware of the potential changes to KS5 qualifications. The outcomes of the Department for Education's 'pause and review' were published yesterday, and we are delighted with announcement. The headlines are as follows:

- Schools and colleges will retain the freedom to decide the size, type, subject and combination of qualifications that can be included in study programmes.
- All of the vocational qualifications advertised on our website (see [course guides](#)) will continue to be offered in their current form. Please note that Applied Science and Health and Social Care will continue to run but may follow a slightly different specification from the one advertised on the website.

What does this mean for our students?

Students who intend to study at Toot Hill 6th Form College will continue to be able to choose 3 A Levels, 3 vocational qualifications, or a combination of the two from September 2025. Students must still attain a grade 4 in Maths and a grade 4 in English Language at GCSE to meet our entry requirements but these students will be able to complete a vocational pathway only. To take 3 A levels, or a combination of A levels and vocational qualifications, students must also meet the subject specific requirements.

We encourage students to have a back up college option if they are at risk of not achieving a grade 4 in English and Maths as they will not receive a place at Toot Hill 6th Form College without these grades.

Choosing courses when making an application:

Please choose the combination of courses which best suits your child: 3 A levels, 3 vocational qualifications, or a combination. If your child has already applied, but now wishes to change their mind, or your child is unsure of the courses to choose, please note that all students will have an interview where we will discuss and advise your child on a suitable pathway. Changes can be made at this point. Occasionally, we are unable to offer a course due to low numbers or there are timetable clashes. We will inform students and parents of this as soon as the timetable has been created.

We hope you have wonderful Christmas holiday and look forward to receiving your child's [application](#).

Yours sincerely,

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