3rd January 2024

Our ref: KA/042/KB

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: GCSE Computer Science

I am writing to inform you that, with regret, we have made the decision to remove GCSE Computer Science from the curriculum for the 3 pupils who took this as an option last academic year. We know this is not ideal at all and we have been working hard to try and avoid this decision. This has included exploring the following provisions to see if they could offer the course:

- Walton Academy – This is not an option due to pupils having to attend the classes on site and being placed in an environment that would not have supported their learning.
- Nisai online learning – They do not offer the course.
- Kip McGrath – They do not offer the course.
- Wolsey Hall Oxford – They only offer IGCSE Computer Science.
- King's InterHigh – They only offer IGCSE Computer Science.

We are unable to deliver the IGCSE Computer Science course because it is an international GCSE, and these examinations can only be carried out at a specific Cambridge approved centre. Unfortunately, we do not have a centre of this nature in the locality and Wolsey Hall Oxford have not been able to offer us an alternative option.

The three pupils have been working towards gaining WJEC ICT as this was offered as an alternative to GCSE Computer Science to ensure that an ICT qualification was still on their timetable. This will remain.

Should you require a further discussion please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Kyna Adkins - Interim Headteacher

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