



Our Ref: THO

4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Option Choices Y8**

Irlam and Cadishead College is on a journey of school improvement and to this end, we have reviewed our curriculum model in order that the very best education is provided for our students.

The Department for Education and Ofsted are now strongly recommending that a three year Key Stage 3 is followed. Current research has shown that a more traditional Key Stage 3 across three years is essential if students are to experience a wide variety of subjects, and gain appropriate depth of understanding. In light of the recommendations, we have made the decision in the interests of all students to take action and revert to a three year Key Stage 3. This means that Key Stage 3 will be Years 7, 8 and 9 and Key Stage 4 will be Years 10 and 11.

The option choices made earlier this year will now be postponed until April 2019. We would like to reassure you that this decision has been made with the best interests of our students in mind. We hope that you fully understand and support the decision which the school has made following the recommendations from the Department for Education and Ofsted.

Please do contact the College on the telephone number below if you have any further questions or would like a meeting with myself.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Holdsworth  
Acting Head Teacher