

1st May 2025

Good afternoon Parents/Carers Y9 Pupils,

Unfortunately, we have just found out that the GCSE Finance will no longer run as a qualification Nationally next year and, therefore, will not be available for any Year 9 pupil to study from September 2025. All decisions regarding courses that can and cannot run is made by the DfE, and as such, it is out of our control. I'm sure this will come as a disappointment to many pupils and families as it has to us as we know what an enjoyable and essential qualification this can be.

I have personally spoken to the pupils that this impacts and we are working to find resolutions.

The Year 9 options process is a complicated one that I have to make sure is done correctly. I endeavour to ensure a bespoke pathway of qualifications that support all individuals in our school. Once we have completed the process, I will be writing to all pupils to inform them of what their confirmed courses will be. This is likely to be at some point next half term.

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me via icraig@westonfavellacademy.org.

Yours sincerely



**Mr I Craig
Deputy Principal**

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