Highcliffe School

October 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

GCSE Computer Science Exam Board Change

Following a meeting with the Governors School Progress Committee, GCSE Computer Science will be changing exam boards from OCR (J277) to Edexcel (1CP2) with immediate effect. This will only impact current Year 10 students who sit their GSCE exams in Summer 2025, not current Year 11 students.

This necessary change was carefully considered. Following OCR's national results for Computer Science in the Summer 2023 exam series and Highcliffe's desire to provide your child with the most accessible exams, we believe Edexcel's method of assessment better caters to students of all abilities.

Any content that has been taught in class has been the same across both exam boards, so your child will remain unaffected by this transition. Should you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me on jwatkins@highcliffeschool.com.

Yours sincerely

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