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Dear Parent,

Advanced Placement qualification in Computer Science

As you may be aware, we have been offering an Advanced Placement qualification in Computer Science to A Level students in addition to their existing A Level options. We have had great success with the qualification with all 12 students passing last year, 7 with the highest grade possible. We have another 12 students registered to take the examination this year. The course has taken place during students' free periods, three times a week and has been taught by Mr. Wood during Top Up sessions and in his own free periods.

Although it has been a fantastic addition to our curriculum we have decided that it will no longer be offered to all students as an additional qualification. Instead, some of the curriculum content will still be offered as part of the KS5 TopUp but with no qualification at the end. This will be following Harvard's CS50x program, which is also available on line via Edex (<https://www.edx.org/cs50>).

The AP will however be offered to those students who start the Computer Science linear A Level course in Year 12; if they wish, they will be able to enter for the qualification in the May of Year 13. The majority of the course audit for the AP is covered in the excellent AQA A Level that we offer and next year we have amended our planning so that we also cover the missing topics from the AP.

We are informing you of this in case your son or daughter had relied on this course being available to them as an additional qualification.

If you have any questions relating to the content of this letter please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Wood
Head of ICT and Computer Science