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Dear Parents and Carers

KLBespoke – Year 10 Opportunities

I am writing to share information about **KLBespoke**, our new programme of alternative and enriched provision at Katharine Lady Berkeley's School. While I outlined this initiative at recent information evenings and have spoken to students in assembly, I would like to ensure that all families in year 10 are aware of the opportunities available.

Purpose of KLBespoke

As stated in our school vision, we are committed to providing a calm and inclusive environment where every student thrives, and which nurtures students to become confident, ambitious and compassionate young people who make a positive contribution to the world. To support this vision, we are introducing a new initiative, KLBespoke, designed to broaden the range of experiences available to our students. For some young people, a more flexible curriculum helps them to flourish, develop confidence, and explore areas of interest beyond the traditional timetable. I am delighted that Sarah Hind, Assistant Headteacher, who knows year 10 students well, will be leading this programme.

Opportunities for Year 10 Students

This year, students in year 10 will be able to access certificated courses, which lead to qualifications and recognised experiences, including:

- **Animals and Countryside** – accredited short courses including small animal care, countryside skills, and farm animal care.
- **Creative and Performing Arts** – opportunities in music, drama, and art, leading to the Bronze and Silver Arts Award. Students do not need to be studying these subjects at GCSE to choose this course.
- **Beauty and Skincare** – delivered by a local salon professional, with practical learning at a local salon, supported by additional hours at the new training salon which will be situated on the KLB site.

The Creative and Performing Arts courses are delivered during the school day in small groups and run for several weeks. While students will miss a few lessons, support is in place to ensure they don't fall behind. Beauty courses and Animal courses vary in duration. It is likely that students who enrol on these will benefit from dropping an option, but this will be discussed once we have expressions of interest. The bespoke nature of the programmes provides enough flexibility for us to tailor the experience to each student.

Transport will be provided for the off-site courses.

Next Steps

All year 10 students are invited to express an interest in one or more courses. Groups will be planned carefully to ensure that opportunities are appropriately allocated, and provision will continue throughout the year to allow as many students as possible to take part. Please complete the form on the link below with your child and submit by **Tuesday 30 September**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/4Nkfz1XvJF>

We are excited by the potential of KLBespoke to broaden horizons, sustain motivation, and provide pathways towards a variety of qualifications and careers. I am grateful for your continued support as we pilot this programme. This is very much a whole-school initiative, reflecting our shared priorities and school vision. If you have any specific questions at this stage, please direct them to me (hkhan@klbschool.org.uk) and Sarah Hind (shind@klbschool.org.uk).

Thank you for your continued support as we launch this programme.

Best wishes



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