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Dear Parents/Guardians of [StudentFullName],

GCSE short course in Religious Education (RE)

We are excited to inform you that we are considering offering a GCSE short course in Religious Education (RE) for our students, which equates to a half GCSE qualification. This course aims to enrich our students' cultural capital and enhance their applications for Post-16 education.

Why Offer a GCSE Short Course in RE?

1. Cultural Capital: Studying RE provides students with a deeper understanding of diverse cultures, beliefs, and values. This knowledge fosters empathy, respect, and a broader worldview, which are essential skills in today's global society.
2. Post-16 Applications: A half GCSE in RE is highly regarded by colleges and universities. It demonstrates a student's ability to engage with complex ideas and ethical issues, making them a more attractive candidate for further education.

Course Structure

· After-School Lesson: There will be one lesson after school every week. Students who commit to this course must be willing to attend these after-school sessions each week.

Next Steps

To determine the feasibility of running this course, we need to gauge interest from our students and their families. If [StudentForename] is interested in enrolling in the GCSE short course in RE, please complete the link here [GCSE RE Short Course - Expressions of Interest](#). by the 9th May.

We believe this course will provide valuable educational benefits and we look forward to your support in making it a success.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Clapham

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