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Dear Parents and Carers

At Great Marlow School we are proud of the curriculum that we offer students across the school from year 7 to year 13. The curriculum that we implement across subject areas at the school is a reflection not only of the knowledge, skills and understanding that we are required to deliver in individual subject areas but also of the community that we live in.

To give you as parents and carers and the students a greater understanding of the curriculum that is followed and the learning journey that they are on in a subject area we have updated the <u>curriculum</u> section of the website.

In most subject areas you will now see a tab called <u>learning ladders</u> on the left hand side of the subject page and when you <u>open a ladder</u> you will be able to see the learning journey students will go on in that subject across Key Stage 3 and 4 (years 7-11) and on a separate ladder at Key Stage 5 (years 12 and 13).

The learning journey shows you an outline of what will be studied in each academic year. However, for further detail if you click on the <u>year number</u> you will then get a much more detailed breakdown of the subject material being studied in each half term in an academic year. You will also be able to see a range of resources that subject leaders at the school have identified as being useful for the different modules being studied – some of which have links that will take you directly to further resources that will support the learning journey in that subject.

The learning journey that students are on is regularly referred to in all subject areas across the school and we hope that the ladders will encourage students to become more independent, reflect on the learning that they have already completed but also investigate work that they will be doing in the future. We hope that for parents and carers the curriculum information in the form of these learning ladders will give you not only a greater understanding of the curriculum that students study but also an opportunity to have conversations with your child and support their learning across all years at the school.

This academic year we have added an extra section each subject area called 'Wider Curriculum'. Each department has provided information and divided it into sections that encourage students to read, view, listen, visit and be creative. The Wider Curriculum will allow students to take a further interest in the subject and subject-related material they study at school, but due to time and curriculum constraints are sometimes unable to cover at school. It will also allow you as parents and carers to actively engage with the opportunities offered by each department.

For any further curriculum information please refer to the curriculum page of the school website, and for specific information about a particular subject please contact the Head of Department for that subject.

Yours faithfully

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