



Tuesday, September 1, 2009

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

In previous years students were offered 4 options in the Visual arts area– music, dance, drama or art. They were obliged to stay with this option for a period of 3 years. Many students realized that the choice they had made was not the appropriate one for them, but unfortunately, they were obliged to stay with their choice for 3 years.

In order to help the students make a more informed choice, we have changed the structure of the options. Students in grade 7 will be offered 2 options – art and dance. Students who start with Dance will do so for 2 terms and then change to Art for the last 2 terms. It will be the opposite for those students that start with Art. Students in grade 8 will be offered Music and Drama and work in the same way. Students cannot be changed into any other option since they have been split between grades 7 and 8.

We believe that by offering the options in this way students can make a more informed choice by the time they get to grade 9 as they need the credits in Visual arts in grade 10 to graduate from high school.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Agosto
Middle School Administrator
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