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Dear Parent/Guardian

Computing at A Level

I am writing to clarify the situation with regards to us being currently unable to offer Computing at A Level in September 2020. This is a decision that has not been taken lightly as I am aware that several students wish to take this course, but it has been made with their best interests in mind.

As you may be aware, there is a national shortage of computing teachers and we currently do not have the required number to offer A Level, whilst ensuring those who have already started a course in Key Stage 4 continue to have a specialist in front of them. We do, however, have an advert out for a new Computer Science teacher and should we be successful in recruiting a member of staff capable of high quality delivery at this level, we will re-offer the course and waiver the sixth form application deadline for those who wish to study it.

I believe it to be ethically wrong to offer a course without being certain that I am able to provide appropriate staff who are specialists in this area and who the students deserve. By raising this issue with you and the students now we know it is early enough for you to go and look at other further education establishments to allow them to pursue this course should they wish.

As stated above, if I am successful in recruiting an appropriate member of staff for this course, I will write to you and will welcome your child's application for A Level Computing.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Gibson
Headteacher