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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the past several months, St. Andrew's administration and teachers have been meeting to develop an alternative pathway to the IB Diploma. This programme will be a challenging two year course of study that will run alongside the IB Diploma, however it's aim is to guide students in a more hands on approach, giving them practical training and skills that will build a portfolio for universities or employment.

After consulting with various stakeholder groups, the programme we have decided to implement is Pearson's BTEC Creative Digital Media Extended Diploma. The qualification is designed for post-16 learners who want to study media related degree courses in Higher Education. Learners gain knowledge and understanding of creative digital media production and develop an understanding of how to work within the media industries.

Within the extended programme there are mandatory courses and then a number of options for classes that we can offer. Learners will follow a general programme of study, learning digital production skills in a variety of different media such as Film, Television and Radio and Interactive Web Publishing. We are hoping to also incorporate some classes found in other BTEC courses to enhance the learning experience for our students. We are considering crossover classes such as Music and Sound for Media, Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) Productions, and from the BTEC Business course - Developing a Marketing Campaign.

As the BTEC curriculum is currently under review and will be changing at the end of the 2016-2017 school year, we are looking at rolling out this programme in **August 2017**. However, we have already started to plan units in the Middle Years Diploma that will introduce our students to the skills and equipment involved in the BTEC courses.

During the summer months, we will be turning one of our classrooms into a professional quality recording studio where we intend to develop a school radio and film studio. We do have some funding already set aside for this project and some equipment is being generously donated; however we are still looking for more help in starting up this new and exciting venture. If you or anyone you know would like to assist the school by donating equipment or if you would like to contribute financially, please let us know. We are also looking for parents with relevant experience in creative media (film, radio, TV, web design, print media) to be a part of a parent committee to lend their expertise to the development of this new course.

We are excited about being able to offer this new programme of study at St. Andrew's and we look forward to working with you. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Mr. Rob Stitch, Mr. Scott Lowe or Ms Jackie Petersen.

Warmest regards,

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IB Coordinator

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