



23rd February 2023

Year 7 teaching group changes

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter has been written to make you aware that as of Monday 27th February, we will be making changes to all the teaching groups in year 7. This means that the students in your child's classes will now be different to what they have been previously and in some cases, so will their teacher.

Up until now, all classes have been taught in tutor groups. This was to give students the opportunity to settle into a new environment. Now they have been at the school for more than half an academic year, we believe now is the best time to make changes in the same way we have done with every other year group. Following the completion of assessments in all subjects last term, we are now better placed to determine what we believe are now more appropriate teaching groups. Please note that **all teaching groups still remain mixed ability outside of Mathematics** so the new classes are not indicative of any individual's ability or test results - many other factors have also been used.

Students will be given new timetables during form time on Friday so that they are clear where they need to go starting Monday. For some students, this may initially be unsettling so please reassure them that this is not a punishment should they talk to you about their new classes. As they get older and eventually go on to pick their options, such class changes will become normal so avoid suggesting to them that change is not a good thing. We will review these classes again at the end of the academic year.

If you have any questions regarding these teaching group changes, please do not hesitate to get in contact. Please remember that academic reports were sent home prior to the half term break and there will be an online parents evening towards the end of this term. The reports sent home are meant to have already given you an overview of the start they have made so far. Please bear this in mind as when you do have the opportunity to speak to your child's subject teacher, your child may have a new teacher at this point.

Yours faithfully,

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