

12<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have just approached the mid-point in year 7 and I would like to say a huge thank you for your support and encouragement throughout.

As ever, I am constantly reviewing our practice and seeking to improve the quality of provision that we offer to our pupils and their families with the aim of being able to best meet the needs of all of our pupils within the school.

This year, we organised our curriculum to create three, mixed-ability classes with some pupils receiving additional and alternative support and intervention where appropriate. Whilst there is wide evidence to support mixed ability classes, we have reflected on the specific dynamics of our current year 7 cohort and taken the decision to re-organise them into groups based on academic performance and baseline assessment of their potential. We feel that this will enable us to better meet the needs of all pupils within the year group and provide a more targeted approach to their learning.

Therefore, effective immediately after Easter, all students will be placed into a new group for the final term of the academic year. We have yet to make a decision on which group your son/daughter will be placed in, but I wanted to keep you informed of this change at the earliest opportunity. The decision will be based on a number of factors and will include prior attainment at KS2 and their academic performance this year to date.

We will write to advise you of which group your child is to be placed into in due course however, if you have questions relating to this or towards the progress of your child so far, then please do contact the school and we will be happy to help.

Kind regards,

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K Rowlands  
Headteacher