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Dear Parent/Carer

As of Tuesday 29th November 2022, we will be re-setting our Year 7 students in some of their subjects.

In years 7 to 9 we set students based upon prior attainment in English, mathematics, science, and modern foreign languages (spanish and french) and computer science. We initially set students based on their tutor groups to help with transition to the academy from primary school. We now feel we have sufficient information on prior attainment to make informed choices about appropriate setting. We have used information passed to us from primary school, GL assessments completed at the start of the year and the first round of in school subject assessments to place students in a set which will provide appropriate levels of challenge and support. From this point forward, we will review and amend setting on a regular basis.

Please may I emphasise that all students in the academy follow the same curriculum regardless of set and prior attainment. We use setting as a tool to allow our teachers to adapt their teaching to deliver the same aspirational curriculum in the most effective way for all. We operate two bands throughout the academy, which are set in parallel to each other (i.e., O1/B1) there is no difference in prior attainment in either band.

All students will be issued with their new classes and timetable on Thursday 24th November 2022. Most of their timetable will be unchanged as we choose to retain mixed prior attainment setting in foundation subjects most of which are taught in form groups (it is also possible that no changes are made as their current Year 7 teacher will be teaching their new set). All staff will be aware of their new groups and will be ready to welcome any new students to their classes.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Wynne
Assistant Principal – Quality of Education

