



16th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 - Teaching Groups

It has been great to see year 8 growing and adapting constantly to the many changes that have come their way this past year due to Covid-19 and the restrictions it has brought. They have settled well and I look forward to watching them progress and develop in the coming years. Attendance has been consistently high during the course of the year and ambition points received have been ever increasing. I am sure that many students will have come home excited to show you certificates and prizes from our achievement assemblies this year and I know students are looking forward to the final one of the year on the last day.

As students finish year 8 and move into year 9 in September, I wanted to make you aware of changes to their teaching groups. Whilst students were randomly assigned to a tutor group when they started in Y7, which will remain the same as they progress through school, teaching groups will change year on year.

Due to their personalised option choices, it is inevitable that there will be some changes as the students move into Y9. This encourages students to form new working relationships, meet new students and establish new friendships that will help support them throughout their lives. It also enables students to get used to changes to groups in year 10 due to their GCSE options.

All classes will be mixed ability other than maths, science and PE. Form tutors have discussed this with their tutees so they are aware of it. Students will receive their new timetables when they return to school in September.

I hope that you and your family can enjoy the summer break.

Kind regards

Mrs J. Bailey
Head of Year 8

