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Dear Parent/Carers of Year 9,

Re: Year 9 Teaching Groups

As you may be aware we are making some changes to the teaching groups for students in year 9 after half term to better support and enable their learning since the return to school. While students have largely been in the same teaching groups over the last 2 years there have been significant movement of students out of and into the school which have resulted in imbalances in classes which needs to be addressed. With the exception of Maths, the classes will remain mixed ability.

The safest time to make this change is after the half term break to give a period of time apart to reduce face to face contact with multiple students. Class groups have been streamlined in accordance with teacher consultation to better meet the needs of all students and as preparation for the changes to new GCSE courses and classes.

While we appreciate this may be challenging for some students, teachers are factoring this into all of their planning for the rest of the year. We are confident that these changes are in the best interest of all students and look forward to welcoming them back after a very much deserved rest.

Yours faithfully,

Gary Martindale

Learning Lead for Year 9

