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Dear Parents

Re: Year 9 Setting Arrangements

I am writing to inform you about arrangements for setting Year 9 students. Currently, students are taught in sets for English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, History and Spanish. In the remainder of their lessons students are taught in mixed ability classes, usually their form group.

History and Geography – students in 9F, 9O, and 9R are organised into higher, middle and lower ability sets. The same happens for those students in 9M, 9B and 9Y.

English, Mathematics and Science – students are taught in hierarchical sets from one to six, organised across the year group in each subject.

Modern Foreign Languages – students in 9F, 9O, and 9R are organised into higher, middle and lower ability sets. The same happens for those students in 9M, 9B and 9Y. Students in Set One have one French lesson and three Spanish lessons per fortnight whereas Set Two study Spanish only. Additionally, a small number of students do not study Spanish to facilitate additional teaching in English and Mathematics.

Art, Food & Nutrition and Design Technology – following an options process during the Summer Term students have now embarked on their first subject within the Art, Design and Technology carousel. In February students will study their second subject choice. Students are taught as mixed ability classes.

The information used to determine setting includes internal assessment data, results of examinations and the professional judgment of teaching staff. In addition to data, personal factors concerning each individual will be considered. A student may, for example, work more effectively at the lower end of a higher set, whereas another may be more confident operating at the top end of a lower set.

Setting is regularly reviewed and you will be informed of any appropriate adjustments affecting your child.

If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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