



RBE/MED/SSN

4th September 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

It was a pleasure to see Year 7 in school for the first time yesterday and again this morning after the disappointment of having to cancel the induction days for them last term. The cohort already appear to have settled in well into NSB.

As your child will have received his timetable today, I wanted to write briefly to explain the school's position regarding setting in curriculum subjects. As you will know from the admissions information that we provide, the school sets students to ensure that they receive the appropriate level of challenge and support for their ability so that they can realise their full potential. Under normal circumstances, these sets are based on Key Stage 2 SATS information and Teacher Assessment that we receive from Primary schools, however, due to the situation with COVID-19 this year we do not have this information. The sets this year have been initially created from the Common Ability Test (admissions test) results and from other internal information gained from the literacy and numeracy tests carried out yesterday.

In order to refine setting during the year, and in particular during the first term, teachers will continuously assess the academic standard of the students. It is likely that there will be movement between sets until we are comfortable that students are in the correct set for their ability levels in each relevant subject. As a result of this, target setting of students will follow when we are confident that we have enough data to create accurate academic targets for each boy.

When the setting has been finalised, please contact Assistant Headteacher, Mr Taylor, or me if you have any questions. A table indicating which subjects teach students in sets or in mixed ability can be found below.

SUBJECT GROUPING	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Maths	Set	Set	Set	Set	Set
English	Set	Set	Set	Set	Set
Science	Set	Set	Set	Set	Set
Design Technology	M/A	M/A	M/A	M/A	M/A
History	Set	Set	Set	Set	Set
Geography	Set	Set	Set	Set	Set
Modern Languages	Set	Set	Set	Set	Set

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Expressive Arts	M/A	M/A	M/A	M/A	M/A
PE	M/A	M/A	M/A	M/A	M/A
IT/Computing	Set	Set	Set	M/A	M/A
RE	Set	Set	Set	M/A	M/A

Yours sincerely



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