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Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Year 7 Group changes**

I hope your child has enjoyed their first time in the Academy despite the extraordinary circumstances we are facing. They have been a credit to the Academy by settling in so well during this time.

I'm writing to inform you that there will be some changes to the grouping of some students in Year 7 after the October half term.

As you will be aware, due to lockdown, primary schools were unable to ensure SATs (Standard assessment tests) were completed. In addition, here at the academy, we were unable to offer our New Entrants Day, where ordinarily your sons and daughters would have sat their CAT (Cognitive ability test.) Under these exceptional circumstances, term one has been a settling-in period; and an opportunity to sit Reading tests and Cognitive ability tests to provide a more accurate picture of the students' abilities.

Using this data we can now re-group students so that we can address their learning needs more appropriately. Potentially, your child could move up or down bands or remain in the same band; whichever way, this is a positive move. This will ensure that students are stretched, challenged and supported where appropriate in order for them to reach their full potential. These groups will be reviewed regularly after each assessment point.

Please could ask your child to go directly to his/her Personal Tutor room when he/she starts back on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Best wishes,

Will Hardman  
Acting Associate Assistant Principal Year 7 and 8  
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