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Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to Core Subjects

As we prepare for the upcoming academic year, we wanted to share an update regarding how core subjects (English, Mathematics, French and Science) will be organised to best support your child's academic journey.

In September, students will be placed into attainment-based sets for these core subjects with a larger higher ability group and 2 smaller groups where more support is available for students. We believe this structure allows us to deliver more targeted support and tailored challenge as students make preparations for GCSE study in these subjects, ensuring every student can progress at a pace that suits & supports them best.

To ensure placements are accurate and fair, grouping decisions will be made using a combination of the following criteria:

- **Current Performance:** Classroom assessments, classwork, and recent test results from this academic year.
- **KS2 Prior Attainment:** Standardised data from Key Stage 2.
- **Head of Year (HOY) Discussion:** Input from the Head of Year and subject teachers to consider the holistic needs of each student.

Please reassure your child that these groups are not fixed in stone. We recognise that students develop at different rates, so sets will be reviewed termly to allow us for in-year progress. Our primary goal is to provide the optimal environment for your child to thrive, build confidence, and achieve their full potential.

If you have any immediate questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Haycock. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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Head of Year

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Headteacher

