



9<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Year 9 English – Group Changes**

We have taken the decision in English to make a few group changes to some Year 9 classes in order to ensure greater progress and an improvement in outcomes for students. In order to do this we will move away from a top, middle and bottom three set model which will be replaced with one more able group and two mixed-ability middle groups. For some students, these changes will represent a change in teacher but for the vast majority their teacher will remain the same.

All students will continue to study the same texts irrespective of which group they are in and our expectations for each student remains high. The new groupings will give students the opportunity to work with and learn from a wider range of students and as teachers it has given us the opportunity to reconsider some of the group dynamics which had become detrimental to a positive learning environment.

We work extremely hard to ensure your child is able to learn in a positive learning environment and these changes have been carefully considered with this in mind. All changes to teaching groups will take place by the end of this week.

Should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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