

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

## Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that your child has settled into school well, particularly in such unique circumstances. Up until now, students have been placed in subject groups using the teacher assessment grades from their primary school. In normal circumstances, we would have used the national key stage 2 SATs results to set the students into two top sets and three mixed ability groups per year group band in most subjects.

Having completed both Year 7 subject assessments and the CATs (Cognitive abilities tests) recently, we now have more information to tweak the groups further.

As a result, your child will be given a new timetable for after half term. With the exception of maths, for most students, in most subjects, there is very little change. However, where changes have occurred, students will find a new teacher teaching some of their subjects.

Please be reassured this is perfectly normal, happens every year, and in our experience, students adapt very quickly to their new classes, teachers and rooms.

There are two further assessment points during this year in the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> March and 28<sup>th</sup> July. You will receive the assessment data on how your child performed shortly after these dates.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Hall

**Deputy Headteacher**