

6th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Changes to Year 11 Maths and English groups

With only 36 school days until the first written exam, the GCSE exam season is quickly coming upon us.

To help maximise the support we are offering each and every student during this time, we have been closely evaluating outcomes from the most recent mock exams.

As way of background, there are four GCSE English papers and three maths papers that students have to sit. It is very rare that a student gets the same outcomes across all the papers in that subject, and we have been reviewing where each student is doing well, and where they could benefit from additional support.

That is why we announced yesterday that we are moving classes around to reflect each student's needs at this stage of their course. It ensures that we are providing very targeted help in the areas where they could use the most guidance.

We are also ensuring that the teachers with the most experience in that specific area are also leading those lessons – which is why there are some staffing changes.

We appreciate that, over the rest of the GCSE course, students have built a really strong relationship with their teachers and might be disappointed that these changes have been made. We want to assure you that all our brilliant staff will be on hand to support students through our revision programme and other interventions – these changes are just about providing targeted support in lesson time.

We will be available to answer any questions on this or other matters on Thursday 9 March, at the Year 11 Parents' Evening. This is the last parents' evening for Year 11 and the final chance for you to speak to your child's teachers and support staff.

Finally, attendance to all lessons is vital at this crucial time, as any missed learning can have a significant impact on positive outcomes for students. Please support us in emphasising the importance in attending school and taking the opportunity for any additional support.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Yours sincerely



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