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Dear Parent/carer

Pupil setting arrangements from September 2024

During this year, we have opened our door to parents and carers, for a tour of the school during the day and to find out their views on the school.

We have been grateful for the feedback, and we want to make sure we have listened. Parents have been clear that they wanted children in groups based on ability.

The academy has not grouped children in this way previously with pupils being taught in 'mixed ability' lessons.

From September 2024, based on feedback from parents, and following careful consideration, we will group children in years 7-9 differently.

Using information from Key Stage 2 SATS and tests that the children complete in the academy at the beginning of the school year, we will broadly set children into ability groups.

The academy wants EVERY PUPIL to succeed and therefore students will have the opportunity to move sets if it is beneficial to their learning, progress and attainment.

As we currently do, pupils move groups for many reasons that are not always because of 'learning'. We will KEEP this, so that pupils, parents and the academy have the flexibility to move children into different groups, without any negative impact on their learning.

For pupils in year 10 and year 11, groups will be based on their options, and setting arrangements will continue as normal in English, Maths and Science. Year 11 are moving into two bands from 3 therefore there will be changes to their sets and this will be based on their mock data and attitude to learning.

We have now started to provide answers to several questions raised by parents. We will continue to update you.

Any decisions undertaken by the academy are informed and considered carefully by senior leaders, the wider staff and the Trust.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Keen', with a small flourish at the end.

Chris Keen
Executive Principal