

23 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

New Timetables for Monday 3rd July

As you will be aware, on Monday 3rd July we will be rolling forward our timetable and beginning the new academic year. This means that students will be referred to as their new new year groups and that they will start their September timetables three weeks before the summer break. We call this 'rollover' and we do this to allow students to get used to their new teachers, classmates and routines in order to start September efficiently with the focus very much on learning.

Your son or daughter has already received information about their Vertical Mentoring Groups and next week will be receiving their new timetable. Some students will find that they have moved bands (year halves) and may have moved into different sets for some subjects. These changes are always well thought through and may be down to one or more of the following reasons:

- Y8s and Y9s have selected their Modern Foreign Language preference and some of these languages only run in one of the bands.
- Our heads of Maths, English and Science feel that they will be best suited in a particular class or with a particular teacher to aid their academic progress.
- Some subjects do not have sets and therefore the numbers only relate to a class code.

These changes do sometimes cause worry for our students. Please support us in reassuring them that any changes that have been made are done with their best interests at heart. We have a fluid approach to banding and setting, which means that a student may change bands and sets many times over their five years with us.

Thank you in advance for your support.

As always, if you have any questions then do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Andrew Tice
Vice Principal