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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware, pupils were placed into new teaching groups at the start of this academic year. We wanted to provide you with an update about how these groups are organised and a small number of changes that may take place after the October half-term break.

Year 8 English groups are based on pupils' attainment and progress in English. Science teaching groups are also used for Art, Catering, History and French, while Maths groups are shared with RE, Computer Science, Music, Design Technology, Personal Development and Geography. This means that when creating teaching groups, we need to consider a range of assessment information, alongside wider professional judgement from teachers.

We are pleased that there has been considerable interest from pupils wishing to join Year 8. As pupil numbers have increased, we need to make some adjustments to ensure that the teaching groups remain as balanced and fair as possible.

Pupils have completed their planned end-of-topic assessments in both Maths and Science. These assessments are already part of our normal curriculum and assessment programme. The results, together with previous assessment information and teachers' professional judgement, will be used to refine the teaching groups. As a result, some pupils may experience a change to their current teaching group. Any changes will be carefully considered and will take effect after the October half-term break.

Teaching groups are not fixed permanently. We will continue to monitor pupils' progress, and the next formal review of teaching groups will take place following our usual assessment window in January. We appreciate that changes to teaching groups can sometimes cause pupils, and parents, some uncertainty. Please be reassured that our priority is to ensure that pupils are placed in groups that best support their learning and progress, while creating balanced teaching groups across the curriculum.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Wall
Vice Principal

