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Dear Parents/Carers

Please be advised that the English Department will be grouping students in a different way from September 2016. The reason for the change is to support student learning and ensure that all students are prepared for the challenge of the new style GCSEs in both English Language and Literature.

Students in Year 7 will continue to be taught in their form groups as it supports the transition into secondary education and enables them to make good progress.

Students in the current year 10 and moving into year 11 will remain in the same groups to provide them with continuity.

Students in the current years 7, 8 and 9 will be moving to the new system.

The decision to move to the new system has been informed by educational research; the results of this research indicate that the new system will enable progress for all students. In addition to this class sizes on the whole will be smaller.

The new system of grouping will mean that there is a mix of ability in each group however the lessons will be differentiated to ensure that all students are both challenged and supported with their learning.

Yours faithfully

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