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Dear Parents/Carers

As part of our drive to continually evaluate and improve our provision for students in Year 11 to enable them to achieve the best possible outcomes, we have decided to make some changes to Year 11 groupings. These changes will take effect from Monday 9 October 2023.

#### Year 11 Tutor Time

To utilise this time effectively to support learning in core subjects, Year 11 tutor rooms will be moving to the Design block (F block) where tutor groups will be designated a tutor computer room (to complete SPARX maths for two tutor sessions per week) and a tutor classroom (where students will complete a range of activities including work on the required practicals in Science, and also develop key revision and study skills). To support students with this daily drip feed of Maths and Science in the tutor programme, there will be a change to some of the Year 11 tutors so that students have either a Maths teacher or a Science teacher. Your child's new form tutor will share their contact details with you next week to continue to support important communication between home and school.

#### Setting in English Baccalaureate Subjects

It is so important that students in Year 11 are in the correct group for their ability, to allow subject teachers to appropriately challenge and scaffold learning for all students. Now that students have settled into their new groups, it has become apparent that some of the groups will need to change. We have reflected on and evaluated the staffing and setting of groups in key subject areas, and have made some important changes. These have been done to support your child so that they receive the tailored support that they need in lessons. Your child will receive their new timetable on Monday morning which will detail any changes made to their classes.

We would like to reassure you that we don't make decisions regarding timetable changes lightly. Individual student needs are at the core of any decisions that we make, and decisions are made in conjunction with Directors of Faculty, subject teachers and SEND key workers, where relevant.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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