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Dear Parents and Carers

As we move towards the end of this academic year, I wanted to write to you to inform you of some timetable changes which may affect your child's groups next year.

As you will be aware, each year group is split into teaching halves: an X half and a Y half. This allows us to split each year group into two for timetabling purposes. To facilitate excellent teaching and learning and support for all of our students, it is important that we review these year halves on an annual basis.

As you are aware, all students have recently sat formal assessments. After a thorough review of the latest assessment data, and in an ongoing effort to improve the learning environment for our students, we have made some adjustments to the X and Y bandings for next year. This means that, upon return to school after summer break, some students may find that they are in a different side of the year half which will mean that they are also in different teaching groups. Please be aware that the X and Y halves are equal in terms of attainment so, if your child has changed year halves, this is not a reflection on the progress that they have made.

It is important to note that even though some teaching groups will change, the curriculum that the students study will remain the same. These changes have been made in the best interests of the students and we have taken time to work with the pastoral and learning support teams to make sure that students are in the very best groups for them. The latest assessment data has been used to make sure that students are in the correct sets so that they continue to be supported to make rapid academic progress.

We understand that change can be challenging for children but assure you that our dedicated teaching and pastoral staff are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible for your child. School staff will continue to provide the same level of care, attention and expertise to ensure your child's success in their academic journey.

We hope that you all have a lovely summer break.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs J Mahon
Vice Principal - Curriculum & Standards