

10th July 2017

YEAR 11 ENGLISH SET ADJUSTMENTS

Dear Parent/Carer,

In a similar way to the current Year 11, we have taken the decision to regroup some students at the start of next year to ensure they achieve the best possible grade next summer in their GCSE English Language and Literature examinations. As a result, your child may have a different teacher for English when they return in September, although we have tried to minimise disruption where possible.

The main reason for this is to ensure students at all abilities are stretched to achieve or even exceed their target grades in English, and it has been important to see how students have taken to the new GCSE specifications during Year 10. Whilst we appreciate that this can sometimes cause uncertainty for both students and parents, we have taken this course of action to ensure that all students in Year 11 have the best chance of achieving the highest possible grade in next summer's GCSE examinations. In practice, the groups have been reorganised to achieve the sharpest focus possible on the specific skills they particularly need in the during Year 11, which is likely to be different for students on different grades. This is especially crucial in the light of new advice and guidance issued by the AQA examination board for the reformed GCSEs in English Language and English Literature.

Please let me assure you that all students, regardless of grade, will be fully supported towards their sitting of the new English GCSEs and I will be providing parents with useful information about how to support your child at home at the Year 11 Information and Guidance Evening (IAG) in September/October.

If you have any queries about this, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher in the first instance. Please be aware, however, that we will be unable to provide information about specific groups and teachers until timetables are issued at the beginning of the Autumn Term in Year 11. I'd like to wish you an enjoyable and safe summer holiday and I look forward to seeing your child in September when we return.

Yours faithfully,

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