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Dear Parent/Carer

Teaching groups in years 7-11 from Sept 2020 - clarification

As you may be aware from Mr Collins' recent communication to you, the way the academy is grouping students is changing from September. The V and W grammar bands have been amalgamated into one single G band, while the X bands have been merged into a single H band. All students have been regrouped depending on their ability into G1-4 or H1-4.

In Key stage 3 (Years 7 to 9) the core subjects of English, Maths and Science have individual autonomy to set students according to their ability in that particular subject, which means that a student who is G1 in maths may be in G3 for English and G4 for science (1 being the highest). This also allows students to move up or down within the bands depending on their progress in that subject, which is assessed 3 times a year. All other subjects are mixed ability within a band, so a student in G band could be in G4 even if they have the highest mark in the year group.

In Key stage 4 (years 10 and 11) the same system for core subjects applies, as well as French for G band and ICT for H band. Core PE is mixed ability within the bands. All other subjects are taught in mixed ability option groups.

Kind regards,

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