

16 October 2023

Dear parents and carers

As we approach half term, we hope that all our Year 7 students are feeling more settled in their new routines and environment. They have done extremely well over the last six weeks and should be immensely proud of themselves – it is no small feat transitioning into secondary school and they have done this with great resilience and success.

We now move into the second stage of their transition to us and will be changing their teaching groups after half term. These groups have been put together using their KS2 SAT data, as well as the Reading, Spelling and CAT assessments that they have been completing with us over the last few weeks. Students will be placed into different Learning Groups in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science – there will be two ‘Fast Track’ groups in the year group, with the remaining groups being mixed ability. There will then be further learning groups in the Humanities and Creative subject areas, which will be mixed across all classes.

**Your young person will be able to access their new timetables and groups on Arbor over half term. We will also give them newly printed timetables on the first Monday after half-term.**

We do hope this next stage is an exciting one, as they have the opportunity to get to know other members of the year group and build further new friendships. We also appreciate that this may cause anxiety for some students, therefore please do contact the Year 7 team if any support is required.

Best wishes

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Transition, Year 7 & 8

