

4 October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Year 8 Setting and Assessments**

In previous years we have set students on arrival at the Academy, based on their key stage 2 data. Due to students not completing national tests for the past two years and the impact of COVID restrictions last year, students were placed into mixed ability sets at the Academy. Now that restrictions have eased within schools, we have set students within core subjects, where it is appropriate to do so, based on their Year 7 assessments and CAT tests. Information on setting can be found below. Students will have been placed in the most appropriate set based on their performance in assessments to date. Students will be differentiated for within the classroom to ensure all students are challenged to make the best progress across the curriculum, whether they are set or in a mixed ability group.

	English	Maths	Science
Set 1	High	High	High
Set 2	Mixed	Mixed	High
Set 3	Mixed	Mixed	Middle
Set 4	High	High	Middle
Set 5	Mixed	Mixed	Middle
Set 6	Mixed	Mixed	Low
Set 7	Literacy & numeracy additional support group	Literacy & numeracy additional support group	Low

In the week commencing 6 December, Year 8 students will complete mid-year assessments for each of the subjects they study. Staff will prepare students in lessons prior to the assessments and a support booklet will be sent home to parents/carers. The support booklet will provide information to parents, carers and students regarding the content and length of the assessment, as well as links to revision and support, to enable each student to prepare. Students will be assessed on what they have learnt in their lessons at the Academy and the knowledge organisers will be a useful revision tool to support the students.

The results of the mid-year assessments will be used to re-set students for core subjects. This will take place at February half term. The results will be shared with parents via reports. The report will outline the % score your child achieved in their mid-year assessment for each subject, along with the average % score of the year group. This will allow you and your child to understand how they are performing in comparison to their peers. There will be a parents evening on 26 January to enable you to discuss the results with teachers and for staff to feedback how your child can continue to maximise their progress. In the summer, students will complete further assessments in each of their subjects and students will be re-set in core subjects in preparation for Year 9.

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Please be reassured that staff will remind students, that while they should prepare for their assessments so they feel confident, they should not put any undue pressure on themselves. The purpose of the assessment is to ensure students are in the most appropriate teaching group, that will support them to maximise their progress.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on  
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Yours sincerely,

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