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Dear Parent / Carer,

When students move from Year 9 to Year 10 the English, Maths and Science departments are *normally* given the freedom to set independently of one another for the first time. For example, a student could be in set 1 in English but set 2 for Maths and then set 3 for Science.

However, at the start of this academic year students' abilities across English, Maths and Science were considered collectively and sets were drawn up on this basis. This was entirely in response to coronavirus; fewer combinations of students during a given school day would lead to fewer students needing to self-isolate in the event of a positive case within the year group.

As you can imagine, this method of setting can lead to significant compromises in terms of academic progress and with a term of study behind us in these core subjects we believe that we must now recommence the normal process of independent setting in English, Maths and Science.

In the last two weeks the departments have ensured that appropriate assessments have taken place to spot students who would benefit from change in set. For many students there are no changes but, for the benefit of better academic progress, some children will be a new set with a new teacher for English and/or Maths and/or Science when they return in January. Any planned changes will be communicated to your child during this week.

I would expect that you will welcome this news but if you have any concerns please contact the appropriate Head of Department in the first instance. The contact details are:

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Yours faithfully,

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