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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we prepare for the upcoming academic year, I would like to share some important updates regarding class structures and sets across different year groups. These changes are designed to support more effective teaching and learning, and to ensure that all students are placed in environments where they can thrive.

From September, students moving into Year 8 will be placed into five classes across most subjects. To ensure a balanced distribution of students, we will be resetting the groups from the current 6 classes. Most subjects will be taught independently of one another, for example, all students will have Maths at the same time, but not necessarily in the same classes as other subjects.

Year 9 will be the only year group maintaining the current X/Y banding structure. However, to ensure balance between the two halves, some students have been moved between bands. Each band will now consist of three classes, and as a result, there will be some resetting of groups to reflect this new structure.

Both Year 10 and Year 11 will follow a new structure aimed at improving ability setting and curriculum delivery:

- Maths and Science will be banded together, with a total of six classes. At any given time, three classes will be in Maths while the other three are in Science, and then they will rotate. This allows for more targeted teaching based on ability.
- English will determine the setting for both English and core RE, meaning students will remain in the same group for these two subjects.
- Option subjects will continue to be based on students' individual selections.

We understand that changes to class groupings can be a source of curiosity or concern for students and families. Please be assured that all decisions have been made with the best interests of our students in mind, and with a focus on providing the highest quality education possible. Student timetables with their class codes and rooms will be available on Edulink from approximately midday on 3rd September.

Any questions regarding student timetables should be directed to the Head of Faculty for the subject that you wish to understand more. This can be done via the enquiries@henrycort.org or directly via Edulink.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr R Walker
Assistant Principal

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