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Dear Parents

Your child will soon be making the transition from Year 6 to Year 7 and, in order to make this as smooth as possible, I think it is best that you have some understanding of the procedures involved.

At the start of the autumn term of year 7 pupils will be taught in tutor groups, apart from Mathematics, in which they will be provisionally set.

At the end of the autumn term in Year 7 pupils are placed into teaching sets for English, Science, and French. The groups are constructed by the relevant Heads of Departments using Year 7 autumn assessments. The progress pupils make within these groups during Key Stage 3 is monitored, and it is possible that during this time changes are made to the composition of these groupings. Movement of a pupil, in say English, does not imply movement in Science. The groupings are independent of each other.

Some pupils in Year 7 start to follow, for 3 lessons a week, a course in a second foreign language, German or Spanish. Other pupils will not begin a second foreign language as they follow a course in Literacy. The Literacy course is designed to offer support for pupils who have shown a general weakness in English. The decision concerning which pupils should follow the Literacy course during Years 7 to 9 is made by the relevant staff towards the end of the summer term of Year 6 in consultation with parents when all the information needed to make a considered judgement is fully available.

At the moment we are still collecting assessment information in English and Mathematics, and the Literacy groups have not yet been decided. However, it would be helpful for me to know if there is a particular reason why your child should study German or Spanish; please let me know **in writing by Friday, 9 June**. We will try to accommodate the request where there is an apposit reason provided. Obviously, if we think your child would benefit from our Literacy programme we will inform you before the end of term.

Yours sincerely

M A Makin
Director of Studies