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Dear Parents

Year 7 Autumn 2019 Arrangements for Teaching Sets

Your child will soon be making the transition from Year 6 to Year 7 and I feel it would be helpful for you to have the following information about academic matters in Year 7.

At the start of the Autumn Term of year 7 pupils will be taught in tutor groups, apart from Mathematics, in which they be set according to ability.

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 these groups to ensure your child is the set that best suits your child's ability.

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 and/or numeracy. The decision concerning which pupils should follow the literacy/numeracy 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/numeracy groups have not yet been decided. However, it would be helpful for me to know if there is a particular reason why you believe your child should study German or Spanish; please let me know in writing (by letter or email by Friday, 7 June). We will try to accommodate the preferences although this may not always be possible. Obviously, if we think your child would benefit from our literacy/numeracy programme we will inform you before the end of term.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs L Roberts
Head of Teaching & Learning**