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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 Re-setting

As the first term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some key information regarding Year 7.

We were delighted to release the Year 7 transition report to all families earlier this week. This report asked all teachers to assign an engagement for learning level in their respective subjects which has then been averaged. All Year 7 students have met at least an E2, our expected standard of engagement, with many demonstrating outstanding commitment to their learning with an average of an E1.

In case you have not seen it, the report can be accessed via the SIMs student and parent apps. Please log into the app in your normal way and select the 'report' icon whereupon you can then download this latest release. Should you have any technical queries, please do contact the school and we will address these at the start of next term.

To enable staff to gain a deeper understanding of each student's strengths and areas for support Year 7 have been undertaking a range of baseline, cognitive ability and reading tests. Having now analysed all testing data and collected teacher feedback, Year 7 will be re-set over the October half term holiday to re-align their teaching groups to ensure that they are in a set which will facilitate their ongoing progress.

Many students will therefore see changes to their teaching groups. This information will change on the SIMs apps over the coming days and students will be issued with an updated timetable upon their return on Monday 31st October. I would strongly encourage students therefore to check their timetable via the SIMs app as they prepare to return to school so that they can ensure they have the right equipment with them.

The re-setting process is important in ensuring that students are in the correct teaching group to access the work and ensure they are being both challenged and supported. Setting is not fixed, and we will continue to monitor students ongoing progress at each data reporting point and further set changes may take place across the academic year, to ensure students remain in the right group for their individual needs.

I would like to congratulate Year 7 for making an excellent impression upon our school community in their first term and we look forward to seeing them continue to grow and flourish.

Yours faithfully,



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