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Dear Parent/Carer

Key Stage 3 Streaming

I am writing to inform you of our Teaching and Learning Strategy across Year 7 and 8 Core Subjects from September 2018.

Following a review of our current provision, the progress our students have made and considering current national practice against our own values, we have made the decision not to stream classes in Key Stage 3. This means that students in early years will be placed in mixed groups of an even class size.

The major factors that have led us to this decision is our endeavour to eradicate labelling our students. Also, we are aiming to reduce feelings of academic inadequacy that being in a certain set can cause. The theory of no setting is research based and supported within the Sutton Trust report that reviews 'Great Teaching'.

From September 2018, all Year 7 students will start in even groups. Year 8 students will also not be set apart from Maths. It is our intention in time to reduce the number of classes in sets existing across the whole School but recognise that the progress of our students remains paramount.

We will be supplementing this strategy with bespoke professional development training sessions with our staff to support rapid progress across the School.

Should you have any queries or wish to discuss this matter in person, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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