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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to inform you that we are planning some changes to our Year 7 classes. Since we welcomed our new Year 7 cohort in September they have been taught in their mixed ability form groups. From Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September we are proposing to group the students based on their academic ability.

We believe that grouping the students based on their abilities will be beneficial for them in the long run, as it means that they will be working at a similar level to everyone else in the class and that the work will be accessible for all students. We firmly believe that by grouping the students like this we are giving them the best possible chance to make as much progress as possible during their time at the Academy. In normal circumstances we base the academic grouping on SATs results.

As you will be aware, your child completed some assessments during their Induction Day at the Academy. The purpose of these tests was to give us a clearer understanding of the academic capabilities of each student. The assessments they completed were the NGRT Reading Test, MIDyis Test and the United Learning Year 7 Maths Baseline Assessment. We have collected the data from all assessments and this data will help us to form the new groups.

At the moment, when students arrive at the academy, they go to their designated room to begin their day. From Monday some of these groups will change, students affected by this will be issued a new timetable. We will still continue to operate the Covid Year 7 bubble on the ground floor. When we are in a position to allow students to move between classes we will start the day with form time with the form group and form tutor they were allocated in September.

If you have any pastoral concerns regarding the changes then please do not hesitate to contact the Head of Year 7, Mr Devlin, on the following e-mail address: [tom.devlin@rrma.org.uk](mailto:tom.devlin@rrma.org.uk).

If you have academic concerns regarding the changes then please do not hesitate to contact myself on the following e-mail address: [andrew.harding@rrma.org.uk](mailto:andrew.harding@rrma.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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