

Dear Parent/Carer,

New Timetables for Monday 3rd July 2023.

As you will be aware, we are extremely excited that on Monday 3rd July we will be rolling forward our timetable and beginning the new academic year.

This means that students will be referred to as their new year groups and that they will start their September timetables three weeks before the summer break. We call this 'rollover' and we do this to allow students to become familiar with their new teachers, classmates and routines in order to start September efficiently with the focus very much on learning.

Some students will find that they have moved bands (year halves) and may have moved into different sets for some subjects. These changes are always well thought through and may be due to one or more of the following reasons:

- Year 8s and Year 9s have selected their Modern Foreign Language preference and some of these languages only run in one of the bands.
- Our Heads of Maths, English and Science feel that they will be best suited in a particular class or with a particular teacher to aid their academic progress.
- Some subjects do not have sets and therefore the numbers only relate to a class code.

These changes do sometimes cause worry for our students. Please support us in reassuring them that any changes that have been made are done with their best interests at heart. We have a fluid approach to banding and setting, which means that a student may change bands and sets many times over their five years with us.

I would also like to share that in light of our up and coming expansion and extension we will be altering our lunchtimes. They will now be as follows:

12.00 - 12.30pm - All classrooms which are upstairs in the building during P4
12.30 - 1.00pm - Year 7
1.00 - 1.30pm - All classrooms which are downstairs in the building during P4

You may recall lunches following this pattern prior to Covid times.

Thank you in advance for your support. As always, if you have any questions then do not hesitate to get in touch.

Danielle Sheehan



Principal