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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the first half term the maths department have taken the opportunity to carry out their planned review of the Year 7 groups and have decided to make group changes to ensure all students have the best possible chance of being successful in their maths studies. The maths timetable was planned to allow group changes between 7 Darwin, Hazlitt and Jebb, and between 7 Owen and Wylie at this point in the academic year. All other subjects will not be making group changes during Year 7. We are aware that group changes can sometimes be stressful for the students, but we do them with the best interests of the students' learning in maths in mind.

Over the course of the first half term your child's maths teacher has had the privilege of getting to know your child and their strengths and areas for development in maths. We have carried out a baseline test which has provided us with a standardised score that shows how your child has performed in relation to the Year group as a whole. These two sources of information and your child's maths SATs score have been used collectively to ensure they have been placed in a group with students working with a similar ability. Your child's new maths group will be shared with you on Go4Schools within the reports section of your child's overview.

The move into the new groups will be completed for the start of Autumn term 2 and will be evaluated throughout Year 7. We will ensure that rigorous assessments and monitoring will take place to ensure progression. Your child's maths teacher will be closely monitoring students and will highlight suggested adjustments at checkpoints. To change teaching group in maths a student would need to out-perform students currently in the other teaching group(s). Being on or above target is not an indicator that a group change is needed. There is of course no ceiling on progress in any teaching group and all students are given an equal opportunity to reach their full potential.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mr. Bird

Assistant Headteacher