



10th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted with the way in which Year 7 students have returned to school and settled quickly back into routines following the Christmas break. During the Autumn term to support students settling in to Benton Park, your child enjoyed most of their lessons with their Form group. Having spent last term getting to know the individual strengths and learning styles for our students, as well as completing assessments, we are now in a position to move to different groupings for certain subjects. This is a model we use across the school and ensures that each student is able to achieve their full academic potential.

From Monday 17th January students will be regrouped in English and Science, where they will be in the same group for both subjects. In addition, students will be re-grouped by the Modern Foreign Languages department, which will also form the basis of their groups for Art, Music, Drama and PSHCE. Students will receive a copy of their new timetable in Form time on Monday 17th January and it will also be available in Edulink.

In English and Science, the groups are mixed ability and whilst they are labelled 1 to 6 this is for timetabling purposes only. Two of the groups are an exception to this, with one group being for those students who have been identified by our Modern Foreign Languages department as being likely to take a second language in Year 8, with the other group being a smaller group to allow for more targeted support and teaching.

In Modern Foreign Languages, students have been placed into sets based on information gathered to date from progress in class as well as the results from the assessments taken last term.

Across the year, teachers will continue to assess students to gauge the pace of learning and ensure that the appropriate level of challenge is in place and adjustments to classes are made where they are felt to be in the best interests of students. This is particularly important as part of our language provision is to offer the opportunity for a Dual Linguist programme of study, French or Spanish plus German, in Years 8 and 9, which we will communicate to you later in the year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant member of staff as detailed below:

Mrs Lynn Wearing, Director of English: Lynn.Wearing@Bentonpark.net

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This is an excellent opportunity for your child to build on the progress they have made in their first term and we really hope they enjoy meeting their new teachers and class peers.

Yours sincerely

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