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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to inform you of the changes to the year 8 into year 9 form groups next year.

In the past, your child would have had many lessons with their form group, next year this will not be the case. The only time students will be in their form group is during form time (30 minutes a day).

Your child will be starting their GCSE journey from September and while we recognise that every subject your child is studying is important, we know that good results in the core subjects (maths, English and science) will improve their future life opportunities. To this end, we are going to trial a new initiative by using form time to support their learning.

In my tutor team, I have a maths, English and science teacher and have worked closely with the subject leaders in these areas to take full advantage of this opportunity. Throughout the year, as and when it is necessary, your child will have access to extra support during form time. This may be an additional hour (two form times per week) of core intervention. These groups are not only designed for students who find one of the core areas difficult, but to also extend the knowledge/learning for students who are already exceeding in their core subjects.

I also want to highlight that the form groups will be fluid, meaning that through the course of the year students will roll in and out of different forms. It is my intention to allow all students to have some form of additional support during their Key Stage 4 journey.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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