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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 8 into Year 9 - Mathematics Set Changes for September 2021

During the course of this academic year and after each lockdown, we felt it was important to allow students the opportunity to settle back into school and be taught by the class teacher who knew the students best. Therefore, no changes have been made to maths class sets since the start of the November last year.

As students move into Year 9 and commence Key Stage 4, there is natural movement as students commence their Options pathways and we gain an additional mainstream class. In light of this, and in order to ensure students make maximum progress at the start of their Key Stage 4 course, we will be reviewing classes to ensure students are in groups with peers of the closest mathematical ability. Therefore, we will be making some class changes from the start of September which will be reflected in the new timetables issued at the start of the next academic year.

The arrangement of the sets will be as follows (subject to change);

- The top three sets will initially follow the higher tier course.
- The set named 4 will begin studying the higher tier course, but may be moved onto the foundation tier course if we feel that success at that level will be more achievable.
- The remaining group/s on each year half will be named set 5 to signify they are following a foundation tier course, but may be moved onto the higher tier course if we feel that success at this level is achievable.

Any moves made have been planned to only enhance the education of your child. Movement between sets will still be possible at regular intervals in order to accommodate students developing at different speeds and to place them in the correct set for optimum learning. Teacher assessment and results from interim classroom tests will inform the decisions to move students.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Strong
Head of Foundation Maths