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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Science Groups September 2023

Starting from the upcoming academic year, we have made the decision to teach science in mixed prior attainment groups rather than setting students into traditional sets. These groups will be named 'ATOM' and will consist of parallel groups for each year: XA, XT, XO, XM, and YA, YT, YO, YM. We believe that this approach will allow us to foster a more inclusive and supportive learning environment for all our students. Students on the Triple Science course will be in XA, YA and YT and students on the Combined Trilogy Science course will be in XT, XO, XM, YO and YM.

By implementing mixed prior attainment groups, we aim to provide every student with equal opportunities to be challenged to succeed and grow academically, regardless of their prior attainment. This approach acknowledges that each student possesses unique strengths and areas for development, and all should be challenged to achieve to the very best of their ability.

Rest assured, we have carefully considered the implications of this change and have designed our curriculum, teaching strategies, and assessment methods to ensure that each student receives a high-quality science education. Our experienced and dedicated team of teaching staff will employ a range of techniques to cater to the varied needs of students in the groups, while maintaining a focus on academic rigor and individual progress. As always, we will regularly review teaching and assessments to ensure we are best meeting the needs of all students.

We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and the positive impact this change will have on our students' learning experiences. With your continued support, we are confident that we can create an environment where all students can thrive and excel in their scientific studies.

Yours faithfully

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