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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to inform you that all Year 10 students will be doing their first English assessment on Wednesday 17th October. This assessment, together with their target grades, will be used to decide the new sets which students will be placed from November. From this date English will be taught in different groups enabling students to work in sets of a similar ability and to focus more closely on their minimum target grades. It will also provide greater opportunity for stretch and challenge in the lessons and to extend students to achieve the highest possible grade.

The model will be in line with the familiar Maths model, of extension, core and progress sets. However, I need to stress here that, unlike Maths, both English and Literature have only one tier of entry for the exams and therefore all students will be sitting the same papers at the end of Year 11.

I hope that you will understand that through making these changes, our intention is to work for the best of the students and to ensure their greatest chance of achieving their target grade. A degree of flexibility is possible if students improve or experience specific difficulties in a particular group. This decision will be made between myself and the subject teacher.

Please let me assure you once again that the interests of the students have been put first in this decision. I also need to stress that, as with previous years, the vast majority of our students will be entered for both English Language and English Literature exams at the end of the course. If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Routledge
Head of English

Mrs S Jenner
Head of School

