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Dear Parents/Carers,


I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to inform you about an important update regarding our school timetable. Due to some staffing issues we were unable to start the year with the timetable we wanted. Successful recruitment over the last couple of months has meant we are now in a position to change this and we feel it is important to do this now rather than wait until September. We also acknowledge the concerns that have been raised by parents and our teaching staff. Starting from Monday 4th March 2024, there will be a change in the school timetable that will affect the timing of some classes and activities. We understand that this change will require some adjustments for students. The timetable change will result in the following:

- A more even distribution of lessons across the week
- Year 11 and 13 teaching groups will largely remain the same. The distribution of lessons will change.
- Year 10 will see some changes to staffing where we are able to reduce split classes
- Year 9 will see the most significant change because we want to reduce the number of split classes. Having fewer teachers across the two week timetable will help students and staff form closer working relationships

Our aspiration is that students will have the same subject teacher in year 10 and 11 and, of course, in the sixth form. For example, a student doing GCSE Maths will have the same teacher throughout year 10 and 11. This is a change in policy for the school but a necessary one. Rest assured, we are working diligently to ensure a smooth transition and minimal disruption to your child's education. Please take note of the updated timetable that will be shared with students towards the end of next week. Assemblies will also take place to explain to students the reason behind the change.

Should you have any concerns or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Your understanding and cooperation during this time are greatly appreciated as we strive to provide the best possible learning environment for all students. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely



Simon Firth
Headteacher