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Dear Year 7 Parents/Carers

We are writing to inform you about the arrangements for Year 7 students regarding their Maths groups. Our students will be placed in mixed ability groups for Maths, except for students who are working below age related expectations according to their SATs score. These students will be placed in a smaller group from the beginning of the year. Having a smaller group will enable us to immediately support those students where needed. All students will be taught the same topics.

An initial assessment is completed in class in the first term to gauge what the students have retained over the summer and their current level. The assessment is based on KS2 learning and no prep work is necessary.

In the first term, we are then able to review student's individual capabilities and learning styles before official groupings are decided in December ready for them to start their new classes in January. We will use all our available data from tests, teacher feedback and SATs to make this decision.

This correct grouping of students ensure that every student receives correct support and challenge to maximize their learning potential and leads to a successful academic year for all our year 7 students.

Once grouping takes place students will continue to all complete the same core learning of topics and the same assessments. During this time there are opportunities to support and/or challenge students to their appropriate level within the content.

We review groups throughout the year, and we will implement changes of groups if required to provide further support or challenge to individual students after the initial groupings take place.

We are committed to helping each student achieve success in their mathematical journey at WSfG and look forward to a great year ahead!

Thank you,

Ms Blencowe
Head of Mathematics

