

16th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 English Classes

From the start of the new calendar year, 2021, your child's sets in English and PE will change and they may receive a new teacher. This is because we are trialling a mixed ability approach to our Year 9 classes, rather than setting by ability. There are many advantages to this move and recent educational research shows that this approach benefits **all** students and offers significant gains for particular cohorts of students. Having successfully moved to mixed-ability in Year 10, we believe that the change will also have a positive impact on Year 9 students and their academic success at GCSE. Furthermore, the exams for English are single-tiered meaning all students sit the same GCSE papers and study the same content.

In short, teachers will have the same drive for success with the classes they teach, and your child's progress is at the heart of our priorities. The new sets have been thoughtfully devised, taking into consideration students' individual needs and relationships. Should you feel the need to discuss this further then please contact me by email on s.badham@tqea.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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