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**Parents and Carers  
TQEA Y9 Students**

Dear parent/carer

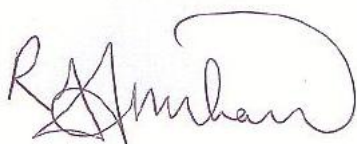
### **Year 9 English classes**

From the start of the new calendar year, 2020, your child's sets in English, RE 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. Furthermore, the exams for English and RE are single-tiered: meaning all students sit the same GCSE papers and study the same content. Science and Maths are rearranging their sets but they are refining theirs to 'Foundation' and 'Higher' groupings due to the nature of their tiered exams.

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 using the details provided.

Yours sincerely



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