

14<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Parents and Carers  
of TQEA Year 7 Students**

Dear Parent/Carer

New English classes

From the start of the new academic year, 2021, your child's sets in English and PE will change. This is because we are moving to a mixed ability approach with each year group, 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 Years 8-10, we believe that the change will also have a positive impact on our students and their academic success in the years to come. Furthermore, when students move to KS4, the exams for English are single-tiered meaning they sit the same papers when they complete their GCSE 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.

Yours sincerely



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