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Dear parents and carers of Year 8 students

Progress, attitude and behaviour of our Year 8 cohort has been monitored closely and we intend to regroup a number of students into new classes to ensure smooth progression into Year 9 - an important year in which GCSE options will be selected. This will occur immediately after the Easter holiday.

All Year 8 students will take part in MidYIS assessments during the week beginning Monday 18 March. These assessments will help us ensure students are positioned in groups that will maximise their learning outcomes to help them reach their potential.

MidYIS is an international standardised testing programme used by almost half a million students each year, assessing 'Mathematics, Vocabulary, Non-Verbal and Skills'. MidYIS is an adaptive testing system, meaning that should a student perform strongly they will receive more challenging questions to accurately judge the scope of their ability in a given area. We have chosen to use MidYIS as the assessment tool on this occasion as it provides detailed, quantitative analysis about each child in a wide range of areas. The assessment will last between 30-50 minutes and is completed online. As the assessment is skills and aptitude based, students are not required to undertake any preparation or revision for these assessments.

Full analysis of the data obtained in these assessments will be used, along with KS2 SAT scores, progress to date and behaviour for learning scores, to regroup the students. Information about new classes and timetables will be shared with students and parents/carers before we break up for Easter.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards

Mrs Ritchie  
Head of School