17 September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

**English Set Changes**

I write to inform you of the plans for assessment and setting reviews in English this term.

As a Department, we plan to conduct a KS3 ‘Baseline Assessment’ over the coming week. This will ensure that all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have the opportunity to demonstrate their written accuracy, ability to structure texts and their creative flair. Following this assessment, English teachers will provide feedback as to the strengths and areas for development for each student.

For clarity, we have two streams in English; each stream comprises of 2 sets, with 4 sets across each side of the year group (L/R). There is little disparity between each set within a stream and all students will follow the same curriculum.

Each student will receive feedback following assessment and we will focus on two key areas: Content and Organisation (C/O) and Spelling, Punctuation, Accuracy and Grammar (SPAG). These baseline assessments will be the basis of any movement in terms of setting, going forward. Of course, we regularly review teaching groups and assess progress. No doubt, there will be movement over the course of the coming year as students make progress or perhaps need extra help and intervention in order to reach their academic potential.

Should you have any further queries regarding this, or the English Faculty overall, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Parry
Head of Faculty – English and Film
Associate Assistant Headteacher