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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Re: Year 7 Timetable changes starting January 2026**

We are writing to let you know that after Christmas, Year 7 students will have timetable changes affecting the number of hours of study for Maths and Design Technology.

Unfortunately, due to a colleague leaving at Christmas and other staffing changes, we have had to reduce the number of hours of Maths and Design Technology lessons your child is receiving so they will study one hour less of each of these each fortnight. We will be replacing these hours with an additional hour each of Drama and IT. This will enable students to continue to study a broad and balanced curriculum and is within our staffing capacity.

Whilst this is undesirable, we feel it is preferable to make these changes so that your child(ren) can be taught by subject specialists, rather than have regular cover lessons.

As part of this retimetabling and due to other staff changes (change of hours and maternity returns), there will be some changes to students' teachers so we will reissue timetables after the holidays to all students. Please discuss these changes with your child and ensure they have updated their timetable in their planner.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your child's tutor, ADOPA or DOPA or ourselves should you prefer.

Yours sincerely

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