

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

This morning your child will be having an assembly to inform them that to coincide with the move to Mrs Chady as Head of Year, we are implementing changes to year 8 form groups.

When students join the academy in year 7 we use a wide range of data to inform our decision making when placing students into tutor groups. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic your children did not sit their end of key stage 2 SATs, an external assessment that plays a large part in the target setting process at the academy.

As you are aware students then had a number of months working in bubbles and continued to work under lockdown restrictions. During this time we could not predict the impact of working in bubbles and further lockdowns and sought to gather internal data to support our decision making. We are now halfway through key stage 3 and we have a large body of high-quality internal data, including CATS, Reading Age, ATL etc, that means we are in the position to readjust sets to promote teaching, learning and progress.

If you have any questions about this change, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jlockhart@oiea.co.uk](mailto:jlockhart@oiea.co.uk).

Yours faithfully



Mr J Lockhart  
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