



# Hazelwick School

An Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am very pleased to be able to write and inform you that we have had a very positive start to this academic and your son/daughter has now completed two full cycles of their two-week timetable.

In the absence of SATS scores from Key Stage 2, all teaching for the first month of Year 7 at Hazelwick has been in mixed ability Form groups. To give us a fuller picture of the profile of the year group and more information to go alongside the progress grades that we were given as part of our transition liaison with primary schools, all Year 7s have now completed standardised MiDYiS testing in a Computer Science lesson, as well as a baseline Maths test and a literacy assessment in English. We are now in a position to accurately create different types of teaching group within the timetable, to enable a more individually tailored educational offer for each student. From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, English Science and French will be taught in two broad ability bands. The content of the lessons will be the same and teachers will be able to further match the learning to the needs of the individuals in the group. Maths will also be setted. 50% of your son/daughter's timetable will continue to be in their Form groups and the changes only effect subjects mentioned above. There is also no change to Form groups or who students can socialise with at break or lunchtime.

We would ordinarily hold a Year 7 Information Evening towards the start of the year to have the opportunity to speak to all parents and carers and discuss how the year has started and share key information about the rest of the year. This year, we will be recording this presentation and this will be published on the school website shortly. We hope that you will find this useful and informative and I will contact you again to let you know when this is available.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Leadbitter

Deputy Headteacher