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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 7

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to meet your son and welcome him to Hayesbrook as one of our students this autumn. During the first term the students have really impressed us with their work ethic, curiosity and determination to be successful during these adverse times.

During autumn term 1 the pupils in Year 7 have been taught in a year group bubble and have had exclusive access to the Science block for all of their lessons. During lessons they have been taught in their tutor groups and we have spent time getting to know each and every one of them. During this time we have also completed three cognitive ability assessments, aptitude testing, reading assessments and baseline testing in Maths, English and Science. All pupils in Year 7 will have also received a report with attitude to learning scores for each subject.

Now that we know the pupils better we will be making some changes to the teaching groups from Monday 9 November 2020. There will be three teaching groups and they have been organised to match the data from the various tests that we have completed. Pupils will stay in these classes for all of their lessons and they will receive their new timetable on Friday 6 November 2020. As a result your son may find that he is taught in a different classroom than he normally is and that he may have a different teacher. We will work with the pupils on these changes until it quickly becomes routine for them but I would request that you look at his new timetable with him this weekend so that he can plan ahead for each day.

When changes like this occur there will be questions and queries that arise. I have tried to identify some of those questions and answers below but if you have any questions about these class changes then please contact Mr Upton in the first instance on 01732 500600.

Are these class changes Covid secure?

Yes, the students in Year 7 are in a Year group bubble. The pupils will be placed into a seating plan in their new classes and they will be expected to sit in the same seat each lesson, just as they have done during term 1.

My son has exercise books and homework already allocated to his original class. Will he be able to take his exercise book with him?

Yes, the Year 7 resources are all stored within the bubble area. The class teachers will organise for the exercise books to be re-distributed to the new classes. If homework has been set this can still be submitted but we would encourage your son to ask the teaching staff if he has any queries.

When will we receive a report that informs us of his academic progress? The next detailed academic report is issued in February. This provides us with enough time to assess your son in each subject several times to really build up a picture of how he is performing. Parents are encouraged to contact staff if they would like to have an update about progress before that date.

Who can I speak to if I have a question about the class changes?

Mr Upton, Head of Year 7 and Year 8.

I hope that the above answers any questions that you may have and I wish your son the very best for his new class arrangements and for the rest of autumn term 2.

Yours sincerely



Steven Reader
Assistant Principal