



# BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Year 8 Group Changes.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful summer. Let me take this opportunity to say an official 'welcome back' to Bishop Challoner Catholic College to your year 8 children! I am delighted to be continuing as Head of Year of this year group and I hope we can continue to build on the success of year 7. I wanted to write to you as soon as possible to explain the group changes and assessment schedule for year 8 so you are best informed to support your children.

Based upon analysis of P2 assessments, combined with the information gained from Periodic 1 and Key Stage 2 data, in addition to the professional judgement of staff, it is therefore, anticipated that there will be some teaching group changes in October 2018.

I know that many of you took the opportunity to attend Parent Consultation Day in July. I would hope that you were able to speak with your child's class teachers about what areas of the curriculum there may be gaps with specific areas of improvement and challenge, which you can work on and support them with at home.

In light of this, we wish to give each pupil time to act upon areas to improve on the areas highlighted in their reports and the advice provided by teachers on Parents Consultation Day.

Any group changes that are due to occur will be clearly communicated with parents/carers and pupils in late September/early October.

It is important to bear in mind that your child will have their first set of formal year 8 assessments at Easter time, known as 'Transition 1' (T1s). Another Parent Consultation afternoon will held on Thursday 4th April.

As was made clear on the year 7 early review evening in October 2017, we are well informed by continual assessments and moderation to place pupils in the most appropriate group for their learning needs.

Please support this notion with pupils at home as we need pupils to continue to challenge themselves to reach their full potential with the goal being of a sense of pride in producing a higher standard of work consistently across the class they are in, not merely the focus on moving groups. The same message is being conveyed to children in the first week back too.

Kind regards,

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