



# GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to give you a further update following Mr Ashcroft's statement in his December letter home, 'children will return in January with new timetables'. The reason for this is that Year 9 students will start their GCSE courses in January, but there will almost certainly be at least some changes to all year group timetables as a result although, we will keep these to a minimum in years 11 and 10.'

In their form/bubble time tomorrow, all children will receive a new timetable for January, and these will also be available on Synergy if you put in the advance date of 4/1/21. I have summarised the likely variations by year group below:

- Year 11 - Minimal rooming changes, but worth checking just to be certain.
- Year 10 - One or two changes, but kept to a minimum.
- Year 9 - Significant changes due to students starting their GCSE and equivalent courses.
- Year 8 - Some staffing changes.
- Year 7 - Students have completed external (GL) Assessments in Maths, English and Science and a number of internal assessments across all subjects, we have used this information to put them into broad sets to ensure the challenge in lessons is always appropriate to the students in the class. Students will be taught in the same groups for all subjects, but will be in different groups to the ones they are currently in. These groupings will be reviewed at Easter.

I would like to take this opportunity to add my congratulations to students and staff for their amazing hard work and resilience through what has been a difficult but really rewarding term.

I wish you a happy, safe Christmas.

Yours sincerely

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