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Dear Parent

Year 9 Banding Changes

I hope that your child has settled in well to the new academic year and that you have all enjoyed a well-deserved rest over the break. We have been extremely proud of how our students have adapted to the new structure of the school day.

Your child will have received an updated timetable in tutor time on the first day back and I wanted to draw your attention to some changes to the way that students are grouped for non-core subjects (creative arts & technology, humanities, languages and performing arts). This process has allowed us to better balance class sizes and provide students with their first-choice subjects where they had options.

It is important to note that the X and Y band are no longer top and bottom bands. These bands are now mirrored with students being placed by ability within these bands where it is appropriate.

In addition to this process, core subjects (English, mathematics and science) have taken the opportunity to update their set lists based on the most recent assessment data of your child.

As always, we will continue to review the setting of all our learners throughout the year to ensure they are best placed to receive the challenge and support they require to achieve their potential. Should you require any further information regarding your child's provision, please contact the Head of Year through enquiries@caisteracademy.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Read', written over a horizontal line.

Mr J Read
Assistant Principal – Assessment & Curriculum