# Head of School: Mrs H Rigby BA Hons NPQH

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for the support you have given to your child in their home learning whilst we have been in the national lockdown. The work they will have done at home is invaluable but there is no substitute for being in classrooms with their teachers.

At our school we firmly believe that literacy and numeracy form the foundations of a great education, and that strength in these areas undoubtedly helps pupils to meet the demands of GCSEs, opening doors into further education and employment.



#### **Literacy and Numeracy Assessments**

During the Autumn Term, all students in Key Stage 3 were assessed in Literacy and Numeracy to identify strengths and any areas that students may require additional support with.

The range of support required by different pupils varies across the year groups 7, 8 and 9. We have created a bespoke and targeted programme to ensure every child who would benefit from support will receive it. We have been very fortunate to be able to access significant government "catch up funding" to enable this to take place. Details of the school catch up plan can be found on the school website: LINK

### What does this mean for my child?

This means that your child's teaching groups have changed for English, Maths and Science so that the numbers no longer relate specifically to ability sets but are groups labelled on the timetable to enable the specific sessions to be taught. Please do not be alarmed if your child was in Set 1 for everything and now their timetable has a mixture of different numbers including what appears to be Set 5. This is due to the timetable reorganisation.

#### What will my child be focussed on?

There are different types of classes which will be taught as part of English and Maths lessons, either as a whole class or with some students in smaller groups. Only where areas for development have been identified, will students undertake the direct instruction lessons. In these groups your child will receive bespoke, direct instruction lessons to enable them to master the identified area of the programme. This has a proven record of successfully addressing these areas efficiently and effectively.



## How long is the programme for?

Most of the classes will last for the duration of the Summer term with some taking a shorter amount of time.

## Will my child miss out on the curriculum?

The programmes are taking place during English and Maths lessons. This means that no curriculum time will be missed. The literacy and numeracy programmes will enable students to access, engage and succeed in all curriculum areas.

Timetables will be issued to students by the 19<sup>th</sup> March. Changes are effective from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

Should you have any questions please contact Mrs S Foley at <a href="mailto:sarah.foley1@taw.org.uk">sarah.foley1@taw.org.uk</a>

Yours Faithfully,

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