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13 October 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

Year 7 English Bandings

As you may be aware, Year 7 pupils have recently completed their reading and writing baseline assessments in English and this has now been reported home to you via the My Child at School App.

We have additionally completed the GL reading screening and this, added with their prior KS2 assessment (SATS) data, has led us to make some alterations into the bandings within the Year 7 cohort.

Pupils will be blended into mixed ability bands and will be taught by the dedicated English team here at JCSC. Although your child's teacher may shift, this will not impact on their access to the curriculum. We have placed pupils carefully into these blended groups to ensure that all pupils are fully supported and challenged at the appropriate levels. All JCSC English staff will deliver a curriculum that is aspirational for all pupils and differentiate to support students that may need additional provision.

We also have the luxury of being able to provide smaller class sizes in year 7 this year so the groups will expand from 4 Year 7 classes to 5 to ensure that our Year 7 pupils are fully supported and make a great start to their secondary education. Having fewer students in each classroom means that teachers within the English department can really get to know your 7 child and support them fully in the first year of secondary education and the rigours that this brings.

We will inform pupils of the changes on their timetable on 13th October. Should there be any issues with the changes, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by e-mailing vsutherland01@jcsc.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

Ms V Sutherland
Director of English