



Moorside High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to introduce myself as the Director of Science and to inform you of some grouping changes that will be taking place in Science.

When students arrive in Year 7, they are placed in generally mixed ability groups based on the information collected from Primary Schools. The students are given the opportunity to be placed in a group with at least one other student of their choice to help make the transition to secondary school a positive experience. The students are then taught in these groups for all subjects except Design and Technology and PE. Smaller groups are necessary for Design and Technology, which is timetabled against PE, but they are still mixed ability. PE is taught in single sex groups.

Following the baseline testing (Cognitive Ability Tests, New Group Reading Tests), SATs data and our own diagnostic assessments in Science, we are going to make some changes to the Science groupings to ensure that students are in a group which reflects a true mixed ability group.

I have liaised with your child's current Science teacher to ensure we are grouping the right students together and consulted Mr Williams regarding any pastoral worries that may have occurred. The grouping changes will take place from 3rd January when the students return to school after the Christmas break.

The outline for the Year 7 curriculum for the rest of the year is as follows.

Year 7 Spring term

- Inheritance
- Substances and mixtures
- Organisation
- Sound and light

Year 7 Summer term

- Variation
- Atoms elements and compounds
- Designing materials
- Health and disease
- Heating and cooling

Thank you for all the support you have shown us this term. If you have any questions about the set changes, or you wish to discuss your child's progress in Science, then please do not hesitate to contact me via email at MHsinfo@consilium-at.com

Yours faithfully

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