

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parent/Carers

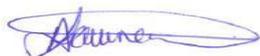
**Re: Year 7 Classes**

Now that your child has settled into life at Smestow School and been assessed in all of their subjects, we are undertaking the process of reorganising their classes. As you are hopefully aware, students spent the first term and a half in mixed ability Form Groups for all of their lessons to aid their transition into secondary school. Following our recent round of assessments, we will now be allocating students into ability-based sets to ensure that we can even better meet their needs. Students will be allocated into two equal ability populations (either X or Y) then into Set X1 or Y1, Set X2 or Y2, Set X3 or Y3, based broadly on what we have identified as their learning needs moving forward. Students may be in different sets for English, Maths and Science based upon the individual aptitude they have shown for each of their subjects.

On the first day back after half term, your child will receive their new timetable and information regarding their new set; this may involve a change of teacher. Please be assured that all changes have been made very carefully with the best interests of your child at heart. We will be in touch with you again very shortly after the holiday with information regarding a Progress Afternoon for your child so that you can be fully informed of their progress to date at Smestow School and learn more about how they have settled into life here. We will share with you their achievements and targets for them to make further progress in each of their subjects.

Thank you for your supporting our school and your child as they progress through this important phase in their life.

Yours sincerely



Angie Lawrence

Head of School