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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that we have planned some changes to our setting structure for our students as they progress into Year 10 in September. At present, the year group is one of our biggest cohorts and to reduce class sizes, we are re-distributing the current sets from a total of 8 to 9. This will not only make class sizes smaller but will be extremely beneficial for our students in the long run, as they embark on two of their most important years academically.

As a result of there being an additional set, it will mean that there will be more movement for students between sets, compared to that of their experience in Key Stage 3. The sets will change from S and A band to T and R band. Please do not worry if your child moves into a new set.

We are delighted that there will be two triple science sets in Year 10 next year. If your child is in either TS1 or TS2, they will study Higher Tier Triple Science. Their progress will be carefully monitored, and they could be entered for Triple Science Foundation Tier or Combined Science Higher Tier at the end of the course if this would be most appropriate for their performance in assessments. If your child is in 10T1, they will study Combined Science Higher Tier, but could be entered for Foundation Tier if they are at risk of falling below the grade boundary for a pass. All other sets will be following the Combined Science Foundation Tier.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Progress Leader of Year 10. I am lucky enough to have taught lots of the year group throughout KS3 and I am excited to guide and support them wherever I can. I am well-aware of the continued disruption that all our students have had to their learning during the last 18 months and can assure you that we are wholly committed to doing whatever we can to support our students over the next 12 months. Together with Miss Rowan, our Pastoral Support Officer for Year 10, we will work hard to ensure that all our students are well-supported in both their academic work and pastorally.

Thank you for your continued support this year, particularly throughout this disruptive time. I look forward to welcoming the year group back in September, dressed in correct uniform and with all the correct equipment! For information on our school uniform or equipment please find it detailed on our school website www.olcc.lancs.sch.uk.

If you require any further clarification or support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Your sincerely,

Miss M. Jones
Progress Leader Year 10