



# South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of an important update regarding the class structure for students in Year 7 to Year 11 in the English Department. This change is based on current educational research and aims to provide the best learning experience for your children.

This academic year, all students have been placed in mixed ability classes for their English lessons. This decision has been made in consideration of the evolving educational landscape and research that suggests the benefits of mixed ability groupings, particularly for students in these crucial years of development. Last year in English, we trialled mixed ability groupings with certain year groups, and we found them to be very successful, especially for those who were studying for their GCSE's.

Please be rest assured that our dedicated English team are fully prepared to support every student in their individual learning journey, regardless of their class placement. We will continue to have high expectations of each student and strive to foster a culture of collaboration and aspiration. We want to enable every student to maximise their full potential as they strive to become English experts.

If you have any questions or would like further information regarding this change, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

Mrs J French

Head of English

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