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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 2020/21

2020 has been a very challenging year for everyone but especially for our new year sevens given the very strange ending to their time in primary school and lack of physical transition into secondary school.

Considering all of these factors we are pleased with how Year 7 have settled at Outwood Academy City and have adapted to our current different ways of working.

Now your children have spent a full half term with us we have been able to get to know them and correlate the rich data and information that was provided from primary schools. We have completed subject assessments, entered effort grades in praising stars, fed back to you with parents evening phone calls and completed lucid testing (a programme that assesses learner's reading strengths, weaknesses and processing skills).

We have collated all of these streams of information and are now making some adjustments to the current year 7 groupings. These changes will take effect from Monday 9 November and the vast majority of the year group will remain in the same classes.

The purpose of these changes is to maximise the support we can offer our students and also create the best possible dynamics for each group. We have of course considered friendship groups and this process has been completed by the members of the senior leadership team, the learning manager and the inclusion department.

Finally, may I also take this opportunity to introduce the new Year 7 Learning Manager Miss Fisher, who will be working under the leadership of the Lead Learning Manager Mr Colliver. Any contact regarding your child should now be directed to Miss Fisher who can be reached at 01142 358120 or g.fisher@city.outwood.com

Thank you for continued support.

Yours Sincerely

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