



8 March 2021

Dear Parent

### **Year 8 Teaching Groups**

Year 8 students have adapted admirably to the many challenges of learning remotely and in 'zones' within school, over the school year. Up to now students have been taught in tutor groups for all their lessons. This has been beneficial over a short time period, however we now think it is an appropriate point in the school year to change teaching groups. Therefore on **Monday 15 March**, Year 8 students will be given a new timetable and will be reorganised into new teaching groups. Students will remain in the same tutor groups, but will have lessons in their 'new' class. Due to Covid restrictions and the impact on our timetable, the teaching group will be the same across all subjects and students will remain in one classroom throughout periods 1-5, excluding break and lunch time.

The new teaching groups are not 'sets' and have been created by analysing a combination of results across all subjects, completed in both Year 7 and 8 assessments, students' reading test scores, and results from externally standardized tests that students have sat in their time at NES. These data sets have been weighted equally, to create mixed ability classes, with the aim of optimising all students' learning experiences. The groups are not 'fixed', will be reviewed and amended where appropriate in May.

Our staff are looking forward to meeting with you **tomorrow** during the online parents evening. Although students may have a different teacher in subjects from 15 March, teachers will be able to feedback key strengths and areas of development for the remaining school year and are collaborating within departments to ensure that staff are well prepared to teach their new groups of students.

If you have any questions about this process please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at: [jsa@emmanuel.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:jsa@emmanuel.nottingham.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

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