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Dear Parents and Carers

Science set changes

To ensure that all students are placed in the most appropriate set in science for the new academic year, we have reviewed the in-class assessments and PPE data and moved some of the students up or down in the sets. This will take effect from September. We will continue monitoring the data and the sets will be reviewed again in the Easter term of year 8.

There is always a lot of movement in sets at the end of year 7 as when the students start at St Martin's they are set based on their maths and English SAT results and CAT scores. Their year 7 assessments and PPEs are therefore the first opportunity we have to collect data. We can then use this to place them into the correct group so that moving forward they are given the best opportunities to access the content taught and provide them with the correct support.

To reassure you, all students in year 8 regardless of their set will be preparing for both the separate and combined courses at GCSE. The differences in the courses will only take place when they move into year 9.

If you have any further questions as to what the students can do to improve please contact the class teacher who will be able to give precise details or alternatively, please log into PORTICO and go into the science KS3 area to find resources that can be worked through over the summer. If you have any questions and would like to arrange a phone conversation then do not hesitate to contact me or my Head of Faculty, Mrs H Davis.

Yours sincerely

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