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Dear Parents

**Re: Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 English classes 2020-2021**

When your child receives his or her new timetable, you may notice a change in class code for English from the previous year. This is due to routine reorganisation of classes we undertake every year. Unless you have received a specific communication (usually by phone or letter) notifying you of a change to your child's ability group or band, the changes in class code **do not indicate a change in your child's ability group.**

Banding in English in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 at St Martin's is as follows:

Band X	Band Y
X1/X2	Y1/Y2
X3/X4	Y3/Y4
X5	Y5
X6	Y6

Thus, X1, X2, Y1 and Y2 are **completely parallel and equivalent** in terms of ability. There will be exactly the same range of ability in each of groups X1, X2, Y1 and Y2. Similarly, X3, X4, Y3 and Y4 are equivalent in terms of ability.

Please note that this has been the case since your child started at St Martin's in September of year 7 and is different from the way groups are organised in mathematics, for example, at this school.

I hope this clarifies any changes to the English class code on your child's new timetable.

Yours faithfully

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