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Dear Parents and Carers

### **RE: Class codes at Key Stage 3**

We trust this letter finds you well. It has been wonderful to see so many of our students ready to embark on their next year of study here at Padgate Academy.

I am writing to inform you that as an Academy, we have decided to review the setting structure and move to a mixed ability format in the majority of subjects at KS3. This is in line with current educational thinking and research, which identifies the benefits of mixed ability groupings as a method for improving attainment for all abilities. Our experiences of teaching mixed ability groupings during the last academic year has supported the findings of the research.

As a result, there will be some changes to class codes and numbering that will appear on student timetables, as well as on the SIMS parent app.

#### **Key stage 3**

Students studying within KS3 will be in mixed ability groupings for the vast majority of subjects. In Years 8 and 9, Mathematics and Science will retain an element of ability-based grouping.

#### **Key Stage 4**

The usual ability-based grouping applies in KS4 in the following subjects (English/Religious Studies/Maths and Science) Option subjects will continue in their mixed ability format.

All students will have been informed of these changes to the structures of classes as part of their assemblies this week and early next week.

If you have any further queries or clarification please contact your child's Pastoral leader at the Academy or email [info@padgateacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@padgateacademy.co.uk)

As always, we wish to thank you for your continued support of the work that is undertaken here at Padgate Academy.

Yours faithfully

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