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Dear Parents/Carers

New Timetable starting on 22 June 2015

We are now approaching the time of the year when the pupils will be transferring to the new timetable and each year group will be 'moving up' a year. The pupils have been made aware of this change, which is something that the majority of pupils will be used to, from previous years. The pupils will be receiving their new timetables shortly and will be given further information in preparation for the change, which takes place on Monday 22 June.

This year there are a number of changes to timetables and groupings as the result of restructuring the school has had to undertake, following the financial reductions that have been imposed on the school due to the wider education cuts faced across Powys. We have also made some changes as a result of the work we have been doing in regard to moving the school out of special measures.

For Years 7 to 10 there has been a reduction in the number of teaching groups per subject, generally from 5 to 4. Years 11, 12 and 13 remain unchanged. This has resulted in some setting changes for some pupils. Please be aware that should your son or daughter have a new set, it may well be as a result of this change, rather than being related to ability or progress.

In addition to this we have reduced the overall number of tutor groups and combined the Years 8 and 9 Welsh Medium and the Years 10 and 11 Welsh Medium tutor groups, therefore a number of pupils may find a change in their tutor group as a result, however we are looking at maintaining friendship groups wherever practical.

As the pupils will be 'moving up' a year, this also means there are some changes in regard to the Progress and Guidance Manager for each year group. The new Year 7 intake will be led by Mrs East, her previous year group, who will now be Year 8, will be led by Miss Hosking. The new Year 9 will continue to be led by Mrs Davies. The new Year 10 group will be led by Mr Morgan and Mr Roberts will continue with his year group as they move to Year 11. The Sixth Form will continue to be led by Mrs Boshier.

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From the 22 June, the pupils will be taught by their new teachers for the year and will be issued with new exercise books. The new books are being issued as part of rolling out the revised Marking and Feedback Policy, which has been developed over recent months to ensure both the consistency and quality of feedback for pupils. Copies of these new policies will be available on the school website for parents to view. All pupils should retain their current planners as they will not be issued with a new planner until September.

Yours sincerely

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