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 ELP/HCI/Yr 10settingMaths

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 10 Maths Classes**

I would like to make you aware of how Maths classes will be organised in Year 10 and Year 11. You will be familiar with the fact that during Year 9 your child has been set within Purple or White band. In Year 10, these bands change. There are still two broadly parallel bands (called M1 and M2), with a few different constraints. Students are allocated to make sure the two bands are equivalent and there is NOT a “top” band. There are more students in M1 band so there are six sets in M1 and five in M2. Your child will find out their set at the start of term when they attend their first lesson.

The structure of our setting is as follows:

**M1 band**

|        |            |
|--------|------------|
| Set 1  | Higher     |
| Set 2a | Higher     |
| Set 3a | Higher     |
| Set 4a | Crossover  |
| Set 5a | Foundation |
| Set 6a | Foundation |

**M2 band**

|        |            |
|--------|------------|
| Set 2b | Higher     |
| Set 3b | Higher     |
| Set 4b | Crossover  |
| Set 5b | Foundation |
| Set 6b | Foundation |

Students in Crossover classes will follow the Higher Tier GCSE course but at a slightly slower rate. Some students in these classes may take the Foundation exam and this decision will be made in January of Year 11 in consultation with students and parents. Higher GCSE leads to grades of 9-4 and Foundation leads to grades of 5-1.

Setting will be reviewed during the year, and as necessary we will move students. It is normal for there to be overlap between sets.

If you have any concerns, please email me on [eplayfair@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk](mailto:eplayfair@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk).

Yours faithfully

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