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Dear Parents and Guardians

You will be aware that your child has been placed into three different groups for their lessons at the academy. Each of these groups are formed differently but each with the same purpose: to ensure that every child learns in the best environment for them. We have high expectations for every child in the academy and this applies to all children, whichever group they are in. We believe in limitless potential for all children and subsequently the group that any child learns in does not determine or limit what they can achieve.

While some schools and academies have ability sets for some or all of their subjects, groupings are different at Oasis Academy Silvertown. We are a small academy and as such cannot stream students into groups where all students are working at exactly the same level. In addition, we prefer to consider every child individually, making a careful decision about which group will support and challenge them to learn best.

Please see below for an explanation of how each group is formed:

Non-core subject groups (French, Music, Drama, Art, History, Geography, RE, PE)

- all groups are the same size, 25-30
- students are carefully selected for each group considering which other students are in the group and which teacher will help them to learn best
- performance in tests or assessments does not affect the allocation to these groups

Core subject groups (English, Maths, Science)

- groups vary in size from 10-30 students
- students are carefully selected for each group considering which other students are in the group, the size of group and which teacher who will help them to learn best
- performance in tests and assessments influences allocation to these groups but does not decide it

Enrichment groups

- groups vary in size from 10-30
- for year 7, all students follow a carousel of activities with other students in their House
- for year 8 and 9, all students state their preferences for enrichment options then are allocated following their preferences where possible

If you have any further questions regarding your child's education, please do phone the academy so that we can arrange for you to speak with a member of the leadership team.

Yours faithfully



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