



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 7 MATHEMATICS

As you are probably aware, the Mathematics Faculty advocates the policy of setting pupils throughout their time at King James's.

In accordance with this your son/daughter has been placed into a maths set based on their performance in their Key Stage 2 Numeracy tests (or Teacher Assessment in the absence of test results). Your child has been placed either in sets 7a1, 7a2, 7b1, 7b2, 7c1, 7c2 or 7c3 where they will be following the extension scheme of work or in 7a3, 7b3 or 7c4 where they will follow the main scheme of work for Mathematics. High expectations and standards are set at all times and in all sets. Each pupil is able to make sound progress within a set, working at an appropriate level and pace with pupils of a similar ability. All staff endeavour not to place a ceiling on achievement and we strive to respond to group and individual teaching and learning needs.

Between now and the end of Learning Cycle 1 your child's progress will be carefully monitored to ensure they have been placed in the most suitable set for their ability. At this point the initial sets will be reviewed and any necessary changes will be made.

From Year 7 to 11, our aim is to avoid rigid setting. To ensure this, well-planned schemes of work ensure ease of transition from one set to another, with all groups in Year 7 covering a very similar broad and balanced curriculum. Regular and common assessments across the year group allow us to measure your child's progress, both within their set and across the year group as a whole each learning cycle.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that it is school policy for students to bring a scientific calculator to all maths lessons. The recommended model is a Casio fx-83GT Plus, if required these are available to purchase online through ParentPay (www.parentpay.com) at a cost of £6.40. Collection would be from the Finance Office next to the main school reception. Pupils should also have a protractor and a pair of compasses. A whiteboard pen and glue stick are also useful but not compulsory.

If you have any concerns about your child's progress/set in Mathematics, please contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

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